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U.S. agency will probe balloon case

INVESTIGATION The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has opened its own investigation into the 80-kilometre flight of the helium balloon that briefly delayed flights at Denver International Airport after a couple reported that their six-year-old son may have been on board, an official said yesterday.

FAA spokesman Mike Fergus said the agency investigates civil allegations rather than criminal ones.

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'Long, slow grind' ahead

Economic recovery will take years: Duncan

Ontario residents could be facing service cuts as the province braces for a "long, slow grind" to economic recovery that includes a high deficit that will take years to overcome, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said yesterday.

Duncan, delivering a speech to Toronto's business community, said Ontario was hit earlier and harder than other provinces by a global economic downturn that has brought its economy down to the size it was in 2005.

"We are not out of the woods yet and before we see a full return to strong growth, there is much hard work to be done," Duncan said.

"We could very well be in for a long, slow grind before we achieve true economic recovery."

The government will undertake a review of service delivery to make sure every dollar is spent effectively, Duncan said, but declined to specify what cuts such a review may yield.

"What we need to do is make sure that we have a laser-like focus on our priorities," he told reporters after his speech, adding that while the government will strive to protect important services, trimming less critical areas "is one aspect of it."

Duncan wouldn't say whether the current deadline of 2015 to get out of deficit still stands, or by how much this year's projected $18.5-billion deficit will grow.

Duncan did say the deficit — to be revealed in his economic update tomorrow — will be consistent with the size of Ontario's economy relative to the Canadian economy.

Dwight Duncan

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Canadian news media less free: Watchdog

The news media got a little less free in Canada this year, says a watchdog group in its annual ranking of press freedom worldwide.

Canada fell to 19th place this year from 13th last year on Reporters Without Borders' index of freedom of the press. The analysis covers print, broadcast and online journalism in 175 countries.

The Paris-based group says court challenges to journalists' rights to protect their sources precipitated Canada's drop six spots from last year's ranking.

3 The top three spots on Reporters Without Borders' list went to Denmark, Finland and Ireland, while Eritrea, North Korea and Turkmenistan rounded out the bottom three.

Lawsuits intended to silence critics under the weight of the hefty cost of a legal defence — known as strategic lawsuits against public participation, or SLAPP suits — also factored into the drop, said Dennis Trudeau, a spokesman for Reporters Without Borders' Canadian chapter.

"There are issues like real protection of sources," he said.

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Metrolinx to study all-electric GO

The Metrolinx board has OK'd hiring a consultant to mount an unprecedented study of what it would take to electrify the entire GO train system, including the controversial Georgetown run. The study — expected to take about a year and cost $2 million to $10 million — is critical to making a business case for the conversion to electric power, something that has been under consideration for 30 years on the Lakeshore line, said Gary McNeil, managing director of GO. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Friends feel victim targeted

Security video may yield clues to brutal murder on Sunday

Homicide officers are sifting through security footage in the hopes that it will lead them to the identity of the suspects responsible for attacking, running over, and killing Christopher Skinner early Sunday morning.

Det. Stacey Gallant, the lead homicide investigator on the case, said he's not sure yet whether the deadly assault was caught on video, but the tapes will likely allow police to provide an accurate description of the men and the vehicle believed to have been involved.

Christopher Skinner

The attack occurred around 3 a.m. when the 27-year-old was on his way home from a night out celebrating his sister Taryn's birthday.

Ashley McAreavey, one of the victim's lifelong friends, said Skinner and Taryn left the Entertainment District together, but soon split up.

According to police, Skinner was confronted by at least two men in an SUV near Adelaide Street East and Victoria Street. The men assaulted Skinner, returned to their vehicle and ran him over before fleeing.

Some of the victim's friends have voiced their concern that the assault may have been related to the fact Skinner was gay, said McAreavey.

Gallant said the notion the assault was related to Skinner's sexuality is "pure speculation."

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Director pushing for boys-only schools

CHANGE The Toronto District School Board is poised to go boy crazy, with boy-only classes, "boy-friendly" teaching and an all-boy grade school among ways the new director hopes to help young males do better in school and lower their dropout rate.

In an ambitious report he calls A Vision Of Hope!, based on 200 meetings with staff and community members, TDSB director Chris Spence is calling for more single-sex classes, programs and schools.

Next September, he wants the board to open a Male Leadership Academy for boys from kindergarten to Grade 3 as a sort of alternative school with many teachers being male.

Report card

- 78 per cent of all Toronto public students suspended are boys — three-and-a-half times more often than girls
- Last school year, 62 Toronto public school boys were expelled, compared to 6 girls
- Grades 3 and 6 boys in Ontario are less likely than girls to meet the provincial standard in reading

The advocacy group People for Education has raised concerns about specialty schools, citing research in Britain and Canada that shows a system of specialty schools can lead to "social segregation."

Toronto board chair John Campbell said he expects Spence's plan to meet with little resistance next week when it comes up for approval by trustees.

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Students are shown in Miss Tellier's Grade 5 and 6 classes at Bruce Junior Public School at 51 Larchmount Ave.

Videos in Toronto 18 case released

COURT A judge yesterday released video evidence in the prosecution of the so-called Toronto 18, including one that shows a suspect testing a bomb detonator that's triggered by a cellphone.

The videos were part of the case against Zakaria Amara, who earlier this month became the fourth member of the group to plead guilty in the plot to wreak havoc on Canadian targets. Amara, 24, was among 18 people arrested in a plot to cause bloodshed and panic in Canada, including bombing RCMP headquarters and nuclear power plants, and attacking Parliament.

Four group members, including Amara, have pleaded guilty and one was convicted after a trial.

Charges were stayed or dropped against seven people and six men still face trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Free diabetes screening
The Hospital for Sick Children will be offering a free Type 1 diabetes screening clinic to explore whether relatives of people with Type 1 diabetes are at risk for developing the disease. The clinic will be held at the hospital on Nov. 3 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ontario No. 1 in tuition fees

Average cost now $5,951

The Canadian Federation of Students says Premier Dalton McGuinty should not be pleased to see Ontario taking the lead in one category — the highest university tuition fees in the country.

A 2009 Statistics Canada report shows Ontario has surpassed Nova Scotia for the highest fees in Canada, with university tuition averaging $5,951 per student.

Shelley Melanson of the students' federation says Nova Scotia put the brakes on fee increases and reduced tuitions while Ontario has continued to "rocket ahead" with tuition hikes.

Ontario students paid the fourth highest fees in the country when McGuinty cancelled a tuition fee freeze in 2006.

Since then, tuitions in the province increased between 20 and 36 per cent, which the students' federation says makes Ontario the most expensive place in Canada to get a post-secondary education.

$1,000

The report found undergraduate fees in Ontario surpassed the national average by more than $1,000, while graduate tuition fees exceeded the national average by $2,600.

Melanson says McGuinty's track record on tuition fees is shameful, and notes that more than 80,000 students have signed postcards since the start of the school year to tell him just that.

College and university students from across Ontario will rally outside the legislature Nov. 5 to protest high tuition fees.

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Stintz rules out mayoral run in 2010

CITY HALL Talk of big-name candidates like George Smitherman and John Tory running for Toronto mayor next year is already putting the squeeze on potential challengers, with Karen Stintz now bowing out.

The North Toronto councillor positioned herself this term as a persistent critic of David Miller and likely candidate to run against him. But when Miller announced last month that he would not seek re-election, the landscape changed.

Although the coming open race makes a bigger slate of candidates likely, Stintz said it's difficult to organize a campaign with both Smitherman and Tory "talking about it and not declaring."

Smitherman said he is seriously mulling a run, but is focused on his day job as deputy premier. Tory, who led the opposition Tories at Queen's Park, is now hosting a weekday radio show on Newstalk 1010.

"Everybody is waiting to see who is going to enter the race," Stintz said, adding it looks possible that neither will declare until March or April.

"In that waiting period, it's difficult to get traction, talk about issues, because you're trying to build a team, raise money."

While there had been much speculation as to who would be the ideal candidate to take on Miller in a two-way race, the pressure is off to declare quickly.

So far, only Coun.Giorgio Mammoliti has officially thrown his hat into the ring. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Coun. Karen Stintz says she won't run for mayor in 2010.

Consultants cost $1M a day: NDP

QUEEN'S PARK The Ontario government's reliance on consultants amounted to a million-dollar-a-day habit that allowed well-connected outsiders to feast on the taxpayers' dime, the New Democrats charged yesterday.

Documents obtained by the NDP under freedom of information laws show the Liberal government spent more than $389 million on consulting services in 2007-08, and that doesn't include arms-length agencies, boards and commissions.

"There's a new lottery in Ontario," New Democrat Paul Miller told the legislature.

"It's called Consultant Max and it pays out more than $1 million a day, but you've got to be a consultant to play."

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News in brief

CHARGES A Toronto Police constable is accused of assaulting a suspected car thief following a pursuit on Aug. 5, the Special Investigations Unit said. Const. Allan Racette is charged with assault. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Man charged over alleged forced prostitution
A man who police allege forced a woman into prostitution has been arrested. Roman Huzo, 25, faces charges. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Drivers face rate hikes

Insurance still lower than in 2003: McGuinty

Millions of Ontario drivers may soon face large premium hikes, but auto insurance rates are still lower now than when the Liberal government was first elected in 2003, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

"I think if you take a look during the course of the past six years, insurance (rates) on average are still lower today than they were six years ago," he said.

"Again, if you compare that to the cost of living, I think that's a pretty good place to be as a driver in the province of Ontario."

Cost pressures have been mounting however, which is driving insurance companies to seek provincial approval for rate increases, McGuinty acknowledged.

"We've seen a few increases in that regard," he said.

There are reports that insurers serving more than a quarter of the province's drivers are being allowed to raise rates a second or third time in about 12 months, which is expected to translate into increases averaging between 11 and 19 per cent when the policies come up for renewal.

The Financial Services Commission of Ontario, which approves all auto insurance rate changes, wouldn't comment publicly on the report or the size of the rate increases.

But the Insurance Bureau of Canada disputes the numbers.

In September, the average Ontario driver was paying $1,362.11 a year on insurance, up 3.6 per cent from $1,314.26 at the same time last year, said Barbara Sulzenko-Laurie, the bureau's vice-president of policy. In November 2003, drivers were paying an average of $1,492.89 a year — 8.6 per cent more than they're paying now, she said.

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Dalton McGuinty

Double marathons tie up traffic

RACE Toronto wants to avoid repeated traffic tie-ups from the two fall marathons running only three weeks apart, but whether either race will voluntarily move to a new date is a big question.

Even before last weekend's marathon again left frustrated motorists in a downtown-wide gridlock, the city failed to persuade organizers to schedule one marathon in the spring and one in the fall.

"We haven't had too much success in getting one of them moved to the spring," said Peter Noehammer, transportation director for the Toronto and East York district.

The city has been getting an earful over the duelling marathons. "In the last few years, they've been drifting closer together," Noehammer said. "We've had a number of concerns from motorists."

The city has the power to simply cancel one of the events, but that would require a decision from city council, he said.

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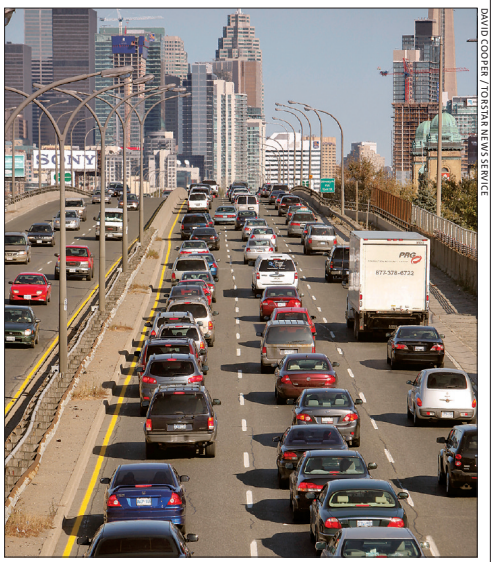
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Even the Gardiner Expressway, which was not closed by the Toronto Marathon, was stop and go into the city Sunday due to ramp closings at Spadina Avenue and York Street.

Repairs piling up: Councillor

PARKS Eighty per cent of the repairs needed at Toronto recreation facilities are left undone each year but city council won't move to correct the problem, a councillor has complained.

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong pointed yesterday to a report from auditor-general Jeffrey Griffiths estimating it would take $233 million to bring the facilities up to a state of good repair.

$600M The backlog of repairs needed for recreation facilities could grow to $600 million by 2010.

Things are falling apart faster than the city is fixing them, and the backlog will grow to about $600 million by 2018, Griffiths says.

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News in brief

AIRLINES Jazz Air has dropped lawsuits against the Toronto Port Authority and Porter Airlines over Porter's startup in 2006 at Toronto's City Centre Airport, but the wrangling over access to the landing strip is not over. Jazz, the regional carrier spun off from Air Canada, had launched separate suits against the TPA and Porter in a fight that started over access to the airport.

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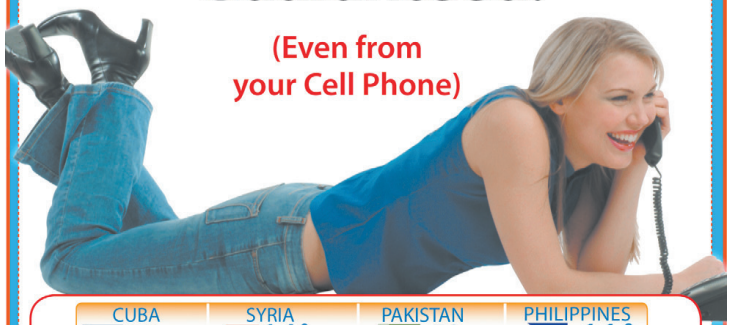
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Alberta dropping generic drug prices

The Alberta government says generic drug prices in the province are being reduced to the lowest level in Canada. Prices for new generic drugs are being reduced immediately from 75 per cent of the brand name's price to 45 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Chrétien's 'gift from the sovereign'

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien has been awarded the Order of Merit by the Queen in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Chrétien. 75. is only the fourth Canadian to be presented with the order. The others were neurosurgeon Wilder Penfield and former prime ministers William Lyon Mackenzie King and Lester B. Pearson. The award, called a "gift from the sovereign," is given to those who show "exceptional distinction" in the arts, learning, sciences and public service. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Report raps drug-search lawn signs

Placards deemed violation of privacy laws, Cornwall cops to stop practice

Police in eastern Ontario who posted signs outside homes that had been searched for illegal drugs violated privacy laws, the province's privacy commission says in a report that orders the force to stop the practice.

The chief of police in Cornwall said yesterday he would comply with the order even though he disagreed with the decision.

"I, for one, am not going to expend any more energy defending what we believe to be a legitimate strategy to deal with drug issues in the city," Chief Dan Parkinson said from Cornwall.

"I, for one, am not going to expend any more energy defending what we believe to be a legitimate strategy to deal with drug issues in the city."
Cornwall police Chief Dan Parkinson

"If one had the wherewithal and the financial resources to take this thing to the Supreme Court of Canada, there may be a different outcome."

The practice, in response to severe drug problems in the city, sparked an uproar and prompted an investigation by privacy commissioner Ann Cavoukian in January when the first sign, emblazoned with the words Drug Search Warrant, sprouted outside a home.

The sign identified the address of a four-unit residence where police had executed a search warrant, resulting in charges against three people for drug-possession offences.

Civil liberties groups also complained, arguing the signs amounted to convicting suspects even before they had made their way before the courts.

In his finding, commission investigator Mark Ratner said the practice was offside with privacy laws.

The signs provide personal information because they contain an address, and could unfairly tarnish people later acquitted or otherwise not involved in the arrests, Ratner found.

Nor could the sign program be compared to news releases police routinely issue when charges are laid, he concluded.

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Freed journalist returns home for child's birth

LONDON After emerging from months of lock-up in a Tehran prison, an Iranian-Canadian journalist is back home in London, England, just in time to see the birth of his first child.

Maziar Bahari, released Saturday on $300,000 bail, has been reunited with his wife, Paola Gourley, who was rushed to hospital during her difficult pregnancy and who is slated to undergo a caesarean section.

Maziar Bahari

"We are relieved that Newsweek journalist Maziar Bahari is home with his family today," Bahari's employer, Newsweek magazine, said in a statement yesterday.

"We would like to thank all of those who supported Maziar."

Bahari was arrested June 21 in a government crackdown following historic protests that erupted in the streets after Iran's disputed presidential elections. He was one of more than 100 opposition figures, activists and journalists detained.

Newsweek said "humanitarian considerations" were believed to have played a role in his release.

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News in brief

FRAUD A provincial securities regulator asked the Supreme Court of Canada to rule on whether it has the right to ask for consecutive sentences for criminal convictions. In response to a prominent fraud case, Quebec's Autorite des marches financiers asked yesterday to make future convicts subject to separate sentences in criminal fraud and securities-violations cases.

BODY ARMOUR The B.C. government wants to slap limits on the use of body armour as part of its effort to fight gang violence. Solicitor General Kash Heed has introduced what he calls Canada's first legislation requiring licensing and criminal record checks for the sale and purchase of body armour.

INQUIRY Video of a mentally ill Halifax man's final moments of life before he died in custody in 2007 has been played at a public inquiry into his death. Howard Hyde, a 45-year-old paranoid schizophrenic, died 30 hours after police Tasered him up to five times as he tried to escape a police station in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories getting tough on white-collar crime

JUSTICE White-collar criminals who bilk their victims of more than $1 million will face at least two years in jail, under new legislation the federal government plans to introduce this week.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, flanked by representatives of victims groups, announced yesterday he'll table a bill to impose stiffer sentences on white-collar criminals, bar them for life from handling people's money and possibly force them to pay their victims back.

He also indicated Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan is preparing measures to ensure white-collar criminals can't win parole after serving just one-sixth of their sentences.

"We are committed to cracking down on white-collar crime and increasing justice for victims by providing tougher sentences for the criminals responsible," Nicholson said, adding fraud "can be every bit as devastating as a physical assault."

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Justice Minister and Attorney General of Canada Rob Nicholson holds a press conference to discuss white-collar crime legislation in Ottawa yesterday. The federal government has proposed tough new measures to deal with white-collar criminals, including two-year minimum sentences in fraud cases involving more than $1 million.

But legal experts and victims alike immediately wondered whether the new legislation would be any more effective than the current regime.

A fraud of more than $1 million already earns a criminal a two-year sentence in almost every case, said Eric Gottardi, a Vancouver criminal lawyer. And the newly announced list of factors that judges need to take into account when sentencing fraudsters is already part of the process, he said.

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N.S. law to ban union and corporate-based donations

Nova Scotia's NDP government is introducing amendments to electoral laws that will ban political donations by unions and corporations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Lucy' fight escalates

Activist groups threaten to hit city with lawsuit

Animal rights groups are threatening a lawsuit unless the City of Edmonton agrees by next month to move Lucy the elephant from the Valley Zoo to a sanctuary in the United States.

Zoocheck Canada and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have written a letter outlining their demands to Mayor Stephen Mandel and city councillors.

They have obtained a legal opinion written by prominent Toronto-based lawyer Clayton Ruby, who said in a telephone interview last Tuesday that he plans to argue that the city is violating Alberta's Animal Protection Act by keeping an animal in distress.

The legislation specifies that an animal is in distress if it's injured, sick or suffering, or subjected to undue hardship or privation.

Ruby said he will file a lawsuit in Alberta Court of Queen's Bench unless the City of Edmonton agrees by Nov. 19 to allow Lucy to be shipped to a sanctuary in California. He noted a court case could cost city taxpayers dearly.

A spokesperson for the mayor's office couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Before a visit last month by legendary game show host Bob Barker – who pleaded for Lucy's freedom – the zoo issued a report by a veterinary expert in San Diego that said the pachyderm is fine where she is and a long journey could be life-threatening.

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Lucy the elephant and her handlers take a stroll at Edmonton's River Valley Zoo in this file picture from last month.

Elephant-sized

- Critics of the zoo argue that cold climate, lack of space and social isolation have caused Lucy to become unhealthy, lethargic, and develop abnormal behavioural patterns, like rocking back and forth.

SOURCE: EDMONTON SUN

Judge slams CSIS over terror case

A federal judge says Canada's spy service "has seriously damaged confidence" in the court process and must restore trust by handing over a secret file in the case of terror suspect Mohamed Harkat.

Federal Court Justice Simon Noel ordered the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to give him details of a confidential source the spy agency is using to support allegations against Harkat.

The government is trying to deport the Algerian-born Harkat using a national security certificate, a rarely employed immigration provision.

CSIS alleges Harkat, arrested almost seven years ago, is involved with the al-Qaida terror network — a claim he denies.

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The year Harkat was arrested in Ottawa as a threat to national security, after a recommendation was issued by CSIS on the basis of secret information they would not disclose due to concerns of national security.

SOURCE: CITIZENSHIFT

News in brief

IMMIGRATION Members of the Canadian Tamil Congress say 76 men boarded a rusty ship in Sri Lanka to escape the harsh realities they face in a country where they're targets of the government. Roy Ratnavel says he was thrown in jail in Sri Lanka as a 16-year-old Tamil minority and many of the young men who risked their lives to come to Canada could have faced the same fate.

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Search-and-rescue groups want liability insurance
Search-and-rescue groups say they want the federal government to help pay for liability and accident insurance for their volunteers or risk having them quit or emergency services withdrawn. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senator asks ethics officer for opinion

POLITICS Conservative Senator Leo Housakos asked the Senate ethics officer yesterday to determine if there was anything untoward about the awarding of a $1.4 million federal stimulus contract to a company he worked for.

Under the Conflict of Interest Code for Senators, members of the upper chamber can ask the officer for an opinion on any matter relating to the code. The opinion that Jean Fournier ultimately provides will be binding, but completely confidential unless Housakos agrees to make it public.

The Canadian Press reported this week that Housakos was on the payroll of Montreal engineering firm, BPR, when it won the contract as part of a consortium studying the city's Champlain Bridge.

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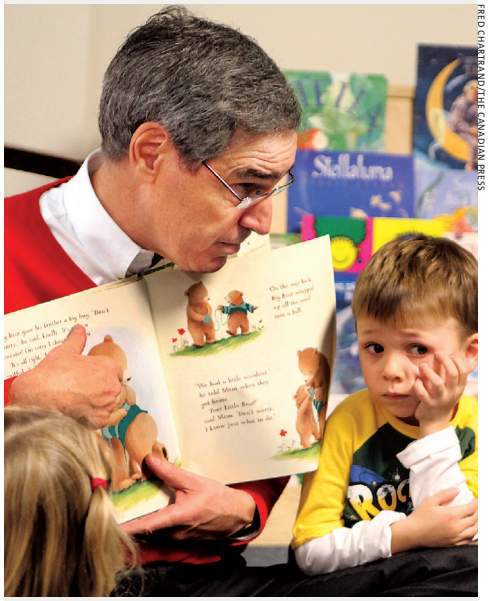

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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff reads as children Alison Collins, 4, left, and Scott Denny, 4, listen at Charlotte Bichard's Children's Centre in Ottawa yesterday.

Ethics chief looking into Tory logo use

Opposition railing over stimulus cheques

The parliamentary ethics commissioner will formally look into opposition complaints about Tory MPs putting their own names and party logo on economic stimulus cheques.

"She's going ahead with an investigation," a spokeswoman for commissioner Mary Dawson's office said yesterday.

Opposition MPs have already filed a sheaf of complaints over the cheques and Dawson said in a statement she expects to see a total of about 50.

But Liberal MP David McGuinty wants a far more wide-ranging investigation.

"This is just the beginning," he said. "We need to hear more now.

"This is just the beginning."
David McGunity, Liberal MP

"We're now examining seriously the possibility of having the public service commissioner investigate this, the auditor general investigate this and Elections Canada investigate this."

The opposition says Tory MPs have flaunted oversize ceremonial cheques blazoned in Conservative colours and carrying their signatures at announcements about federal stimulus projects.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said 55 Tories are implicated in this "dubious strategy."

"Conservative members have tried to funnel $600,000 of taxpayers' money to their ridings as if this money belonged to the Conservative party," he said yesterday in the House of Commons, adding the economic stimulus plan has become "a plan to help Conservatives."

Ignatieff welcomed Dawson's decision to look into the complaints.

"It is an ethical matter," the Liberal leader said.

"The money the government is splashing around does not belong to the Conservative Party of Canada.

"It belongs to Canadian taxpayers. Party logos have no place on government cheques."

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News in brief

PROJECT The head of a New Brunswick research institute says the refurbishment of the Point Lepreau nuclear facility could run up to $1.6 billion over budget, and he's calling on the provincial government to re-evaluate the project.

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Swine flu in poultry a 'clarion call' for shots: Official

HEALTH Ontario's top medical official says an outbreak of swine flu among turkeys is a "clarion call" for poultry and livestock workers to get both the seasonal and H1N1 flu shots.

Flu Outbreak

Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, says "the risk to human health from this situation is minimal" after some turkeys tested positive for the H1N1, or swine flu virus.

Provincial officials say the outbreak affected an Ontario breeder's flock of turkeys which were not destined for the food chain.

Dr. Deb Stark, Ontario's chief veterinarian, says the situation likely involved human to bird transmission.

Stark says the flock operator voluntarily quarantined the infected birds and put "movement controls in place."

She says the finding "does not pose a food safety risk."

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Explosions across Iraq kill six
Car bombs and planted explosives killed six people, mostly police, yesterday in different areas of Iraq as a low level insurgency continues to target the country's struggling security forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Palin to appear on Oprah

Sarah Palin is going to sit down with Oprah Winfrey. Harpo Productions announced yesterday that the former governor of Alaska and U.S. Republican vice-presidential candidate will appear on The Oprah Winfrey Show on Nov. 16. According to Harpo, the interview will be Palin's first about her new book, Going Rogue: An American Life, and it will be the first time Palin and Winfrey will meet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CHICAGO A sperm donor passed on a potentially deadly genetic heart condition to nine of his 24 children, including one who died at age two from heart failure, according to a medical journal report. Two of his children, both now teenagers, have developed symptoms and are at risk for sudden cardiac death, the report says.

NEBRASKA A man wanted for alleged drug and fraud crimes in the Czech Republic was found working as a guard at a U.S. prison. Michal Preclik was arrested last month by immigration officials, and proceedings to deport him have begun. A link to Preclik's wanted poster is the first thing that appears when doing an Internet search of his name. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France **Swelled head**

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A man watches Austrian artist Erwin Wurm's "Pumpkin" during a preview for the Modern Art International Fair yesterday. The fair opens tomorrow in Paris .

Karzai accepts runoff

A grim Afghan President Hamid Karzai bowed to intense international pressure and agreed yesterday to a runoff election Nov. 7, acknowledging he fell short of a majority after UN-backed auditors stripped him of nearly a third of his votes.

With the fraud investigation completed, election officials must now scramble to organize a new ballot as the fierce Afghan winter approaches and the country faces a growing threat from Taliban insurgents.

U.S. President Barack Obama said he called Karzai to welcome his willingness to run in a new election against his main rival Abdullah Abdullah.

"President Karzai's constructive actions established an important precedent for Afghanistan's new democracy," Obama said.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also complimented Karzai's decision but stressed that a new election will be a "huge challenge."

Karzai spoke at a news conference after meeting at least four times with U.S. Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Afghan leader did not express any regret over the widespread fraud, saying only that "this is not the right time to discuss investigations, this is the time to move forward toward stability and national unity."

Karzai and Kerry were in talks as late as yesterday afternoon, suggesting that up until the last moment there was a chance the Afghan leader would return to insisting on a first-round victory. The agreement that a runoff is required could be just the first step in negotiations to iron out these differences between the Karzai and Abdullah camps.

Kerry said he had not discussed power-sharing with the Afghan leader, but other diplomats have said that it has been part of discussions.

U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates, meanwhile, said the Obama administration needs to decide on a war strategy and not "sit on our hands" waiting for a government to emerge in Kabul.

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U.S. Sen. John Kerry, left, whispers to Kai Eide, head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, as President Hamid Karzai speaks in Kabul yesterday.

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Bombing kills four at university

PAKISTAN Suicide bombers attacked an Islamic university popular with foreigners in Islamabad yesterday, killing four students in apparent retaliation for an escalating Pakistan army offensive on a Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold near the Afghan border. The suicide bombers hit a faculty building and a women's cafeteria at the International Islamic University, where nearly half the students are women and hundreds are foreigners. Authorities have been warning that militants would try to bring the war to Pakistan's cities since the army began its offensive.

32,000
Number of people, according to the UN, who have fled Pakistan's South Waziristan region in the past week due to fighting.

The university is attended by 18,000 students. It has close to 2,000 international students, many from China. While it is a seat of Islamic learning, most students take secular courses such as management science or computer studies.

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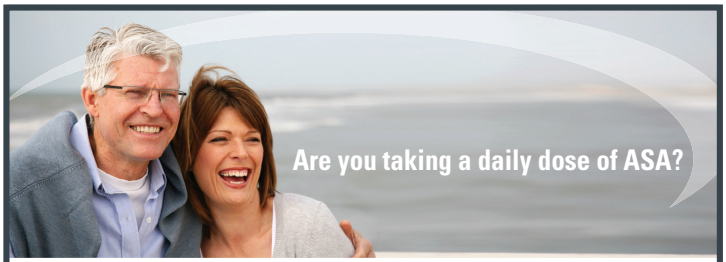

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Abbas chooses Jan. 24 for Palestinian election

The Palestinian president says he will set Jan. 24 as the date for presidential and legislative elections, despite objections from his rivals in the Hamas militant group. Mahmoud Abbas told journalists in Cairo yesterday that he will set the date in a decree on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iranian-American gets 12 yrs

Iran ignored appeals by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and even rock star Sting and sentenced an Iranian-American academic to 12 years in prison yesterday for his alleged role in anti-government protests after the country's disputed presidential election.

Kian Tajbakhsh

The sentence for Kian Tajbakhsh was the longest prison term yet in a mass trial of more than 100 opposition figures, activists and journalists in the postelection turmoil.

At the same time, Iran allowed another defendant to leave the country — Canadian-Iranian Maziar Bahari, a Newsweek journalist arrested in the same crackdown who had been freed on bail over the weekend.

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News in brief

NIGER The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) yesterday said it has suspended Niger from the group after the president held controversial parliamentary elections despite boycotts from the opposition. The voting in the uranium-rich desert nation comes just two months after a referendum passed allowing President Mamadou Tandja to extend his rule for years past the constitutional limit. ECOWAS has played a key role in mediating conflicts in the region.

HONDURAS Opposition radio and television stations have returned to the air in Honduras after the government lifted a three-week broadcast ban.

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Britain's Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, left, from the Anglican Church listens yesterday as Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols from the Roman Catholic Church speaks during a news conference in London, held in reaction to the announcement of a new church structure for Anglicans who want to join the Catholic Church.

Vatican seeks to entice disaffected Anglicans

Anglican leader not consulted on surprise move

The Vatican is making it easier for Anglicans to convert to Roman Catholicism — a surprise move designed to entice traditionalists opposed to women priests, openly gay clergy and the blessing of same-sex unions.

The decision, reached in secret by a small cadre of Vatican officials, was sure to add to the problems of the 77-million-strong Anglican Communion as it seeks to deal with deep doctrinal divisions that threaten a permanent schism.

Papal goal

- The decision confirmed Pope Benedict XVI's design of creating a unified, tradition-minded Catholic Church — a goal he outlined at the start of his pontificate.

The change means conservative Anglicans from around the world will be able to join the Catholic Church while retaining aspects of their Anglican liturgy and identity, including married priests. Until now, disaffected Anglicans had joined the church primarily on a case by case basis.

The spiritual leader of the global Anglican church, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, was not consulted about the change and was informed only hours before the announcement. He tried to downplay the significance and said it wasn't a Vatican commentary on Anglican problems.

The decision could undermine decades of talks between the Vatican and Anglican leaders over how they could possibly reunite.

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Uranium talks with Iran close to deal: Source

VIENNA American and Iranian negotiators met directly yesterday to try to kick-start stalled talks meant to persuade Tehran to send most of its enriched uranium abroad — and thus delay its potential to make a nuclear weapon. The head of the UN nuclear agency said progress was slow but he expected a breakthrough.

Sanctions

- Iran is under three sets of UN Security Council sanctions for defying demands that it freeze uranium enrichment.

A diplomat at the closed-door talks said that a deal was "close" but not yet sealed. Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner of France — one of the nations negotiating with Iran — warned that it and its partners in the talks "won't back down" on insisting that Tehran export most of its enriched material.

Yesterday was the second day of talks between Iran and the United States, Russia and France over Iran's nuclear program. But the meeting convened only in late evening after a day of backdoor negotiations, mediated in part by International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei.

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When to lock doors?

Tricky situation for migrants wanting to live in Canada

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How much foolhardy courage or desperation must it take to pay someone $45,000 to board a rusty old ship, survive a lengthy trip across the Pacific, and turn up unannounced and unwanted on the shores of a strange land, only to face detention and possible deportation?

If you do succeed in getting to Canada and making a successful refugee claim, what's the payoff? A lifetime of menial jobs where most of your income goes to pay off your $45,000 "travel" debt while the rest goes to support your family at home.

So I have a great deal of sympathy for the 76 men, allegedly Tamils from Sri Lanka, currently held in Vancouver after their harrowing asylum-seeking adventure as Canadian authorities try to figure out what to do with them.

That's the kind of fortitude and durability we're looking for here in Canada.

Except … what about the hundreds of thousands of legitimate and legal refugee claimants who are stuck in detention camps around the world with little hope of ever starting a new life in Canada?

What about the migrant workers who are allowed to work here, but not live here?

What about the people who just want to immigrate to Canada, have patiently jumped through all the hoops, and get to watch as these 76 adventurers jump the queue?

"What about the people who just want to immigrate to Canada, have patiently jumped through all the hoops, and get to watch as these 76 adventurers jump the queue?"

It's a tough problem. Should we take a hard line and send these guys back to Sri Lanka without considering their claims for asylum?

That's how federal Immigration Minister Jason Kenney seems to be leaning when he says we don't want to develop a reputation of having a two-tier immigration system and how we need to do a better job of shutting the back door. And these migrants certainly arrived by the back door.

Or, now that they're here, should we dutifully process their claims, and if they convince us that they are legitimate refugees from oppression or violence in Sri Lanka, should we welcome them in, not to mention their families waiting in the wings to see if the big gamble pays off?

Here's the thing: We owe it to all those legitimate noses pressed to the glass, Promised Land on the other side, to make absolutely sure these men don't face real danger back home. If not, home they go.

Otherwise, how can we continue to ask everyone else to wait patiently for their turn?

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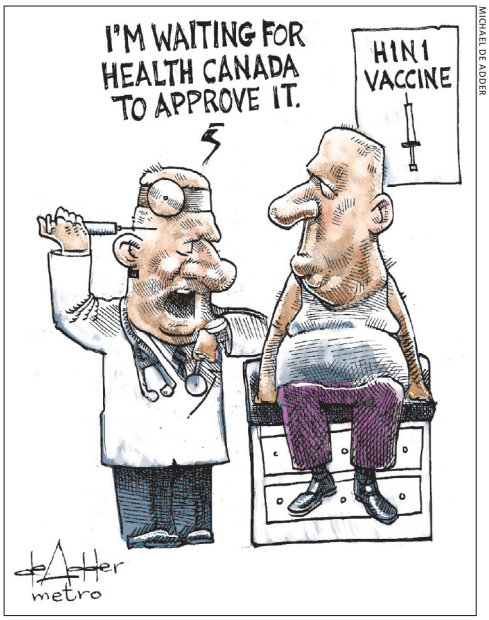

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Worth mentioning

British fringe party TV invite causes an uproar

To the outrage of many Britons, a white supremacist fringe party riding a wave of electoral success has been invited to participate in a BBC primetime TV show on politics.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour Party government says it is appalled that the far right British National Party will get such high-profile exposure to millions of viewers. The BBC, however, says as a publicly funded broadcaster it must cover all political parties that have a national presence.

"It's not for the BBC to make decisions about what parties it does and doesn't like," a BBC spokesman said yesterday on condition of anonymity in line with the company policy. "That, quite rightly, is a decision for the electorate."

Tomorrow, BNP Leader Nick Griffin is scheduled to appear on the BBC's flagship political debate show Question Time.

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Breakthrough

- The British National Party, which opposes immigration and says it fights for "indigenous" Britons, wants to become a force in British politics. Although it is not represented in the national Parliament, it serves on several city councils and made an electoral breakthrough in June, when it took about six per cent of the British vote in European elections, winning two EU parliament seats.

Word on the street: If they are found guilty of any charges, what should the punishment be for the boy's parents in the runaway balloon incident?

Thea Ross
age 25, Toronto

A: I think they should get community service, and they shouldn't be allowed to have that reality show they wanted ... There was a lot of money that went into that (search) ... They should have to pay back some of that.

Mike Leech
age 51, Toronto

A: A few hundred hours of community service ... Is it worth breaking up a family because somebody had a nutty idea? ... Let's put them to work.

Pavandeep Shoker
age 20, Toronto

A: I think they should go to jail and pay for it because it cost so much money ... I thought it was ridiculous ... Useless.

Steve Laskowski
age 24, Ottawa

A: I don't think they should have a criminal record, but they should be fined. They didn't hurt anyone, but they wasted resources. It's not fair to come down on them so hard. They didn't hurt anyone at the end of the day.

Emma Acker
age 27, Halifax

A: Jail time, I think. I don't know how long. I've heard that they might be losing their children — I think that's a bit extreme. I think the father is a bit of a nutcase. I think he should be the one to get a psychiatric evaluation.

Chris O'Leary
age 31, Edmonton

A: The media should take a restraining order out against the family so that we never have to see them again.

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Yahoo **Profit triples**

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Yahoo Inc.'s third-quarter profit more than tripled from last year to soar past analysts' relatively low expectations, mainly due to a cost-costing spree that laid off about 2,000 workers. But the results yesterday also showed Yahoo's revenue fell by at least 12 per cent for the third consecutive quarter.

Price war over iPhone not the Canadian way?

Apple Inc.'s iPhone will soon be offered by more carriers in Canada but an increase in smartphones is not likely to add up to a price war, analysts say.

There's plenty of room in the market for the iPhone among all of Canada's three major wireless carriers, according to IDC Canada analyst Kevin Restivo. Rogers Wireless has been offering the iPhone since July 2008 and Bell and Telus have announced they will offer it in November.

"Consumer smartphone adoption is just picking up," Restivo said, adding that smartphone penetration was at 20 per cent of the Canadian market.

Increasing iPhone demand also means more competition for BlackBerry maker Research In Motion.

The two are not exactly going head-to-head for the same market, being valued by consumers for different strengths: The iPhone for its user-friendly touchscreen, smooth web browsing and galaxy of applications; the BlackBerry for its rock-solid email management and seamless integration with business IT needs.

PC Magazine analyst Sascha Segan said he doesn't anticipate a price war between the three carriers but there could be shorter contracts and changes to monthly service plans.

Restivo agreed that the jockeying for consumer attention could revolve around changes to monthly plans. "Price wars aren't the Canadian way," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A customer checks out an Apple iPhone 3GS at an Apple store in California.

Business in brief

PAPER Domtar Corp. says it is shutting down paper output but converting its Plymouth, N.C., mill to fluff pulp production, a move that will cut 170 jobs but secure the mill's future for a growing export market. Fluff pulp is used worldwide in baby diapers, feminine hygiene and adult incontinence products.

OILSANDS A government of Alberta program designed to keep bitumen-processing jobs and investment in the province has been delayed by two years. The province says it has found 2018 to be a "more appropriate" deadline. Under the program, the Alberta government would take its royalty payments from oilsands producers in physical bitumen, or tar-like oil-laden earth, rather than in cash. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Inco can use office workers to do miners' jobs, for now

MINING Both the United Steelworkers union and miner Vale Inco claimed partial victory yesterday after an Ontario labour board ruling on office workers doing miners' jobs in an ongoing strike.

The Ontario Labour Relations Board has ruled it won't immediately order Vale Inco to stop using office employees to do the work of striking mill and mine workers in Sudbury but it has agreed to hear the case and determine whether the company's actions are legal under Ontario labour law.

Although the union had been hoping for an immediate cease and desist order, it said it was encouraged the board will hear the case rather than sending it to arbitration, where it felt it wouldn't get "a fair shake."

The company said it was pleased the labour board will allow it to continue to use members of Local 2020 as replacement workers for the time being. THE CANADIAN PRESS

At issue

- Vale Inco is using 50 members of Local 2020, representing office, clerical and technical workers, to do the work of striking mine and mill workers represented by Local 6500.

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U.S. company hires ex-Air Canada CEO
Former Air Canada CEO Montie Brewer, who resigned from the airline in March after seven years, has been named to the board of Allegiant Air's parent company, a U.S. based travel operator. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's economic recovery threatened

Bank of Canada's statement drives loonie's biggest one-day drop in nearly a year

The Bank of Canada's warning about the state of the economy drove down the loonie by nearly two cents yesterday.

The central bank's governing council declared a strong loonie would threaten Canada's economic recovery, saying its recent rise already more than offset all the encouraging indicators seen over the summer.

The impact of the bank's statement was immediate, with the currency dropping a cent within minutes. At one point, it fell to 94.53 cents US — the biggest one-day drop since last November — but regained some value later in the day, climbing to 95.37 cents US by afternoon.

In September, Bank of Canada enthused that the recovery was going so well, it was expecting to revise its July growth forecast that predicted 1.3 per cent growth in the gross domestic product in the third quarter and three per cent in the fourth.

But that was when the bank expected the loonie to average 87 cents US through 2010. It hasn't been behaving as the bank thought. Until yesterday's drop-off, the loonie was about 10 cents US above the value used in the bank's projection and was widely expected to hit parity and beyond by year end.

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Avrio set to invest in Advitech

HEALTH SCIENCES Avrio Ventures LP is poised to become the largest shareholder of Advitech Inc., a health-sciences company that is positioning itself to become a manufacturer, developer and marketer of skin care products.

Advitech, which currently produces Dermylex for the treatment of mild-to-moderate psoriasis, has drawn up a research program to develop new applications related to wound healing.

Under a series of proposed transactions, Advitech will use its shares to purchase Botaneco Specialty Ingredients Inc. from Avrio — a Canadian venture capital focused on industrial bioproducts, nutraceutical ingredients and food technology companies — and SemBioSys Genetics Inc.

Concurrently, Avrio and AgeChem Venture Fund LP will together invest a total of $2.5 million to purchase equity in Advitech.

After the sale and concurrent financing, Avrio will own nearly 42 per cent of Advitech, while AgeChem will own nearly 22 per cent of the health-sciences company.

Advitech shares last traded at one cent on Monday.

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Business in brief

MIDDLE EAST Saudi Arabia-based investment firm Kingdom Holding Co., which holds stakes in international firms such as Citigroup, Apple Inc. eBay, News Corp., Kodak and Four Seasons Hotels, announced yesterday its third-quarter profit fell 53 per cent from the same period a year ago. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, the billionaire who heads the firm, attributed the drop from 226.5 million riyals ($63 million) to 104.8 million riyals ($29 million) to a slumping hotel industry, as well as his firm's sale of stakes in two large local companies. Kingdom Holding Co. is one of Citigroup's largest shareholders.

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Did you know?
According to Industry Canada, there has been a 200 per cent increase in the number of women-owned businesses in the past 20 years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Small Business

Financial options

Tax-free savings accounts, known as TFSAs, can be a flexible and viable way to start a new business, help keep one going, fund a business owner's retirement, or even be a good way for employees of publicly traded companies buy shares. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Trailblazers honoured

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Growing up in New Brunswick, Eireann Rigby was involved in competitive sports, even playing professional basketball in Europe.

Wanting to make sports and fitness accessible to the general public, Prince Edward Island's UFIT was born.

The decision to start the company — which provides pay-as-you-go $5 fitness classes for people of all ages in "a party atmosphere" — "was a very scary journey at the start," said the Charlottetown resident, now 34. "I think the first class in 2002 had eight people, and four of them were family. It's difficult to start, but you've got to believe in it and put it out there."

Seven years later, classes are held in eight locations across the island and attract up to 100 people per class.

Rigby, along with 18 other young people from each province and territory, were honoured at an awards ceremony in Ottawa to celebrate the achievements of young entrepreneurs last night.

To coincide with Small Business Week, the Business Development Bank of Canada held its 22nd annual 2009 Young Entrepreneur Awards for people aged 19 and 35.

The award recipients have realized their dreams in innovative ways, said BDC President and CEO Jean-Rene Halde.

In meeting all the winners, Rigby said there was a huge variety of businesses and achievements, but that all the entrepreneurs share a commonality.

"Everyone has a passion," she said.

An avid cyclist, Corner Brook, N.L.'s Peter Ollerhead, 28, turned his passion for sport into a thriving cycle, cross-country ski and snowshoe shop that has since grown to include a specialty coffee shop.

"I started cycling when I was 12-, 13-years-old," said Ollerhead. "My dad could leave me in the bike shops all day."

At 20, he opened Cycle Solutions, and two years ago, opened Brewed Awakening.

"If you're passionate about something, that's what you've got to focus on," he said.

That passion found Toronto's John Carbrey early. He started Intrafinity Inc. in 2001, during his first year at the University of Toronto.

Now 27, Carbrey thinks "people have to go for what they're passionate about," he said. "Being an entrepreneur and trying something new — you might succeed, or you might fail, but you will be better for it," he said.

Eireann Rigby, 34, was a winner at the 2009 Young Entrepreneur Awards in Ottawa last night.

The winners' circle

Last night's winners include:
- Alberta's Steve Baines, 31, Matt Baines, 30, Chris Baines, 27, and Mike Baines, 22, of Enviro Foam Insulation;
- British Columbia's Daisy Leslie Orser, 30, and Adam Orser, 35, of The Root Cellar Village Green Grocer;
- Manitoba's Wade Barnes, 34, and Curtis MacKinnon, 33, of Farmers Edge Precision Consulting;
- New Brunswick's Allain Ouellette, 34, of City Glass & Locks;
- Nova Scotia's Kim Hong Dao, 27, Bang Gia Dao, 31, and Niem Gia Dao, 26, of Talay Thai Restaurant Ltd.;
- Québec's Patrick Grégoire, 34, of Boréal – Informations Stratégiques Inc.;
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Blatter may run again

FIFA president Sepp Blatter is expected to run for re-election in 2011, saying yesterday he still wants to introduce new initiatives to develop football worldwide. Blatter did not formally declare his candidacy to his 23 colleagues on FIFA's ruling executive committee when they met in Rio de Janeiro three weeks ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Hingis to stay retired

Martina Hingis, left, won't make a comeback to competitive tennis. The 29-year old Hingis, who retired after getting a two-year ban in 2007 for testing positive for cocaine, said yesterday in an interview with L'Equipe that she is happy with her new life. Hingis added that even without being tested positive, she likely would have retired. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Raptors skip practice to go bowling

NBA In the middle of a tough week of training, and with a roster full of new faces, the Toronto Raptors skipped practice and went bowling yesterday.

"The one thing that we need to do is build a trust amongst each other," Raptors coach Jay Triano said afterward. "There are going to be tough times and there are going to be good times, and we've got to make sure our guys stick together through all of it.

"That's what today was, these guys coming together as a team and giving them a little bit of a break from a hard workout yesterday and prepare them for tomorrow's workout."

The Raptors (2-5) don't play again until Friday when they face the Minnesota Timberwolves in Sioux Falls, S.D., their pre-season finale. They host Cleveland in their regular-season opener Oct. 28.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refs may be back for season's start

NBA A person familiar with the negotiations says the NBA's locked-out referees plan to vote on a new proposal from the league this week and could be back on the floor in time for the regular season.

The breakthrough comes after a meeting yesterday between commissioner David Stern and referees union negotiator Lamell McMorris, who had both previously withdrawn from the process. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leafs must stay the course

There is no quick fix available for the problems that ail Burke's Buds

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The collective hysteria over the Toronto Maple Leafs continues to amaze the more rational among us.

Over the last seven days, public radio/TV airwaves and message boards have been jam-packed with thousands of suggestions on how to cure the Leafs' many ails; I believe the only options that haven't been put up for debate are voodoo sacrifices of assorted poultry, Jim Balsillie purchasing the franchise, and immediate and extensive federal government intervention.

But here's a concept almost nobody is paying heed to: Letting the situation simmer as the Leafs kick off their five-game road trip in Vancouver Saturday night, and postponing any additional conniption fits until they return home to play Tampa Bay Nov. 3.

I mean, what do people think Leafs GM Brian Burke can really do with this group at this point in the year?

"What do people think Leafs GM Brian Burke can really do with this group at this point in the year?"

Roster-rocking, multi-player trades — such as the one that brought Doug Gilmour to Toronto many moons ago — are virtually impossible to make in the salary-capped NHL. And as we noted in this space last week, there's no way the Leafs should or will consider firing head coach Ron Wilson — a.k.a. the same man Burke and Team USA will have behind the bench at the 2010 Olympics.

Sure, demoting a high-salaried, low-producing Leaf like Jason Blake to the American League Marlies is worth considering. But it's also worth considering whether sending Blake down would poison the same waters Burke is trying to use to develop future Leafs stars in a way so many of his predecessors could not.

The only truly safe move the Leafs can make is to stay the course and hope that, in turning their fortunes around on their own, they won't have to make any trades with a gun at Burke's back, which is the way it is now.

So relax a little, all you nervous Nellies and incontinent Irenes. Giving yourself an ulcer over something you can't control isn't the ideal way to prove yourself a diehard Leafs follower.

To the contrary, believing in the men in charge is the very definition of fan support.

The Hockey News thn.com

MLB playoffs **Botched bunt**

CHRIS CARLSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York's Mark Teixeira, right, tags out Los Angeles' Erick Aybar on an attempted bunt last night during the third inning of Game 4 of the American League championship series in Anaheim, Calif. **For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports**

IOC, China made deal that may have held back Toronto, Pound: Memoir

OLYMPICS Chinese sports officials struck a deal to bring the Olympics to Beijing, promising to support Jacques Rogge's bid to head the International Olympic Committee in return for European backing for Beijing's bid, according to a recently-released memoir.

Retired sports minister and president of the Chinese Olympic Committee, Yuan Weimin, describes in his book the alleged arrangements surrounding Beijing's Olympic bid in 2001.

In Yuan Weimin and the Sports World, Yuan writes that European members of the IOC verbally agreed to support Beijing for the 2008 Games in exchange for Chinese support for Rogge.

The alleged deal would have affected Canada, as Toronto bid against Beijing for the Olympics while Montreal's Dick Pound was running against Rogge. The IOC has denied the accusation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

BASEBALL The New York Mets have released left-handed reliever Ken Takahashi. The 40-year-old pitcher went 0-1 with a 2.96 ERA in 28 games this season. Takahashi attended spring training with the Toronto Blue Jays before moving on the Mets.

NFL Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin says kicker Jeff Reed will play in Sunday's home game against the Minnesota Vikings despite being charged with simple assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness for allegedly scuffling with Pittsburgh police outside a bar.

SOCCER Major League Soccer received its third consecutive A for racial hiring yesterday from the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. Its gender grade improved to a B from a C-plus last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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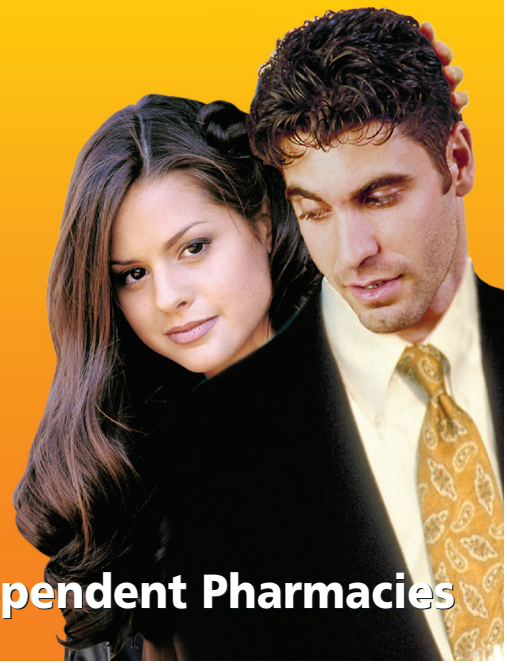

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FIFA establishes Most Beautiful Goal award

FIFA president Sepp Blatter says the world football body is establishing a new award named after Hungarian legend Ferenc Puskas, which will be given to the player who scores "the most beautiful goal" of the year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edwards earning his place

TFC backup 'keeper will start crucial final game in New York

Brian Edwards says a short-term memory is a key to goalkeeping.

Better to shake off mistakes that end up in the back of the net, according to the Toronto FC backup.

But the same goes for brilliant performances, like the one the 25-year-old Edwards turned in last Saturday in relief of injured No. 1 Stefan Frei — a 1-0 win over Real Salt Lake that vaulted TFC back into the thick of the playoff race heading into the final game of the regular season.

Brian Edwards

"As good as it was on Saturday, it's completely out of my mind now. I'm just focused on New York," said Edwards, a second-year player out of Wake Forest University in his home state of North Carolina.

Edwards, who made his first start of the season two weeks ago when Frei was sidelined with a dislocated finger, is expected to be in the net again Saturday night in TFC's finale as they go on the road against the New York Red Bulls with a first trip to the post-season on the line.

TFC (10-10-9) is in a four-way tie for the eighth and final playoff spot in Major League Soccer with one game to go for all teams. The tie-breaking scenarios are so numerous they could confuse mathematicians — the simple equation for the Reds is a win over New York (4-19-6) and then a loss or tie by Colorado or FC Dallas in their games later Saturday night and they're in.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NHL scout denies prejudice claims

DRAFT If there's a bias against drafting hockey players from a certain part of the world, it's not Quebecers, says the NHL's top scout.

"There's nothing going on in Central Scouting that would preclude a French Canadian from making our list, or making our list more prominently," said E.J. McGuire.

His comments come as a backlash to the publication of a book by former NHLer Bob Sirois that alleges the NHL is prejudiced against French Canadians when it comes to drafting players.

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4. Jay Mitchell	ON, CA	117	66	72	138
4. Lorne Willmott	ON, CA	116	65	73	138
4. Neil Mann	ON, CA	120	67	71	138
7. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	116	62	75	137
7. Derrick Yee		120	66	71	137
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	118	65	72	137
10. Paula Almeida-Stille		120	62	74	136
10. Stephen Stille	ON, CA	120	62	74	136
10. Terry Bobryk	AB, CA	120	55	81	136
13. Douglas Skanderup	AB, CA	119	68	67	135
13. Jonathon Gremsperger	BC, CA	118	64	71	135
13. Rick Kit	ON, CA	117	61	74	135

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Cesar Delgado of Lyon celebrates scoring the winning goal yesterday during the UEFA Champions League Group E match between Liverpool and Lyon at Anfield.

Liverpool F.C. lays down for Lyon

SOCCER Liverpool F.C. lost to visiting Lyon by a score of 2-1 while Barcelona lost by the same score to the unheralded Russian side Rubin Kazan as the big teams struggled in the Champions League yesterday.

Rubin Kazan had taken just one point from the first two matches of its debut appearance in the group stage but twice led at Camp Nou to overturn a team containing Lionel Messi, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Andres Iniesta.

Barcelona should still advance to the next round but Liverpool may be in trouble after Cesar Fabian Delgado scored in injury time to hand the five-time European champions a fourth straight loss. Liverpool is third in its group, six points behind leading Lyon.

Elsewhere, Inter Milan trailed twice at home but the Italian champions salvaged a 2-2 draw with Dynamo Kyiv.

Fiorentina won 4-3 at Debreceni and Arsenal drew 1-1 at AZ Alkmaar.

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Today's big games

- Manchester United vs. PFC CSKA Moskva
- Real Madrid vs. AC Milan
- Chelsea FC vs. Club Atlético de Madrid

Sports in brief

RACES Muscle Hill drew the No. 1 post for the $617,880 three-year-old colt trot at Saturday's $5.1-million Breeders Crown harness racing event at Woodbine Racetrack.

TIGER Tiger Woods has won the points-based player of the year award, the Vardon Trophy and the Arnold Palmer Award. Woods is also up for the PGA Tour player of the year award, which is voted on by the players. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New technical education centre in B.C.
B.C.-based College of New Caledonia held a groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday for its $19.7 million Technical Education Centre at the Prince George campus. The 7,000-square-metre centre will house training programs such as welding, automotive collision repair and engineering technology. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Call to go back to the tap

A recent report from the Polaris Institute concludes that the disappearance of water fountains at Canadian post-secondary institutions is, in part, caused by increased bottled water consumption and beverage exclusivity contracts. The report recommends campuses take a cue from the municipal "back to the tap" movement and limit the sale of bottled water and reinvest in drinking fountains. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Journalism will thrive again

Bonnie Fuller says the fourth estate's future is as healthy as her impressive resumé

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

With The September Issue, a documentary about Vogue's Anna Wintour, premiering tonight (Bloor Cinema, 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.), Metro decided to take a look at the powerful women in the world of fashion journalism.

Bonnie Fuller scoffs at the predictions of journalism's death. "I don't believe it's a dying breed. I think that we are in the midst of a major revolution," the celebrity journalism giant says. "There is going to be less print journalism, but that doesn't mean there isn't still a lot of journalism."

The much-Twittering Fuller is working on a relaunch of HollywoodLife.com and has been editor-in-chief of US Weekly, Glamour, Cosmopolitan, Marie Claire, YM and Flare magazines, and is a regular guest on NBC's Today show.

"We're in businesses," she says of journalism. "When you have businesses, you have customers and you have to sell products in order to survive. It can't be viewed as simply the work of good deeds."

In other words, a free press is great, so long as someone is buying it.

A key part of her thriving media career is the Bonnie Fuller brand, as expressed in her company, Bonnie Fuller Media (bonniefuller.com).

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Bonnie Fuller, editor-in-chief of Hollywoodlife.com, arrives at the 6th Annual Hollywood Style Awards last week in Los Angeles, Calif.

"It was my job to become an expert on my audience," she says. "To do a good job at Glamour, Cosmo, Marie-Clare, you really have to think hard about your audience, getting to know them and understanding them."

She's "very excited" about what she thinks will be a boom time for new journalism after the recession.

"Celebrities are better than the weather."
Bonnie Fuller on celebs as a talk piece

"If you're a student today looking at a journalism career … you can't think about only going into traditional magazines and newspapers. You do have to think about the opportunities of the digital world," she says. "I think traditional schools need to think about the new format. I'm not even sure that a lot of the schools adapted to the changes that were in print journalism. I don't know how much they ever taught about celebrity journalism."

Fuller's "celebrity lens" style of journalism explores the world via Michael Jackson, the Balloon Boy and Jon and Kate. "The great thing about … celebrities today is that they come in all different ages, shapes, sizes, backgrounds and ethnic groups. There's always somebody that you can relate to."

And whatever you're dealing with, chances are a celebrity is going through the same thing. "If you're trying to decide if you're going to have a baby, well, there's a female celebrity talking about whether it's time for her to have a baby. If your marriage is in trouble and you're wondering if you can go through divorce, you can look at Jon and Kate."

The September Issue will be screened tonight at Bloor Cinema and opens Friday

Gossip is in our genes, she says. (Google her Bigthink.com interview for her take on the cavewoman roots of celebrity journalism.)

"Everyone used to talk about the weather. It was the one, standard conversation," Fuller adds. "Now, when you sit down by a stranger at a party, you can start a conversation on infidelity, sexual harassment and office romances just by mentioning David Letterman. Celebrities are better than the weather," Fuller notes.

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'The worst idea' ever in the Den

Dragons' Den

"You're so smart — how can you be so dumb?"

"We should give you a prize for the worst idea we've seen in four years."

Those harsh comments are directed at Karen Parhar, a beautiful young entrepreneur from Saskatoon, on tonight's edition of Dragons' Den.

To say the Dragons hate her business idea is an understatement — they breathe fire at Karen!

How does Karen react to the scorching? You'll have to watch to see — but meantime, let me ask you this: How would YOU react?

It's never easy to hear negative feedback. And we all get feedback at some point. Most workplaces give annual performance reviews; some bosses make comments throughout the year, on a less formal basis.

When the comments are positive, that's a beautiful thing! Everybody loves being told they're doing a good job — but it's a different story when we hear that we're doing something wrong, or could be performing better.

In my opinion, any type of feedback is a gift. If someone is taking time to think about me, and share their perspective, I appreciate it. Based on what they say, I can get better at what I do, and hopefully, become more successful. To me, it says they care.

I saw some research years ago, done by an airline. They had discovered that customers who complain are potentially the most LOYAL customers. Their complaint showed they wanted to fix the relationship, and continue it. Those who didn't complain simply left and took their business elsewhere.

There's no question that the Dragons are quite brutal at times in their assessments. You'll see them give a wide variety of feedback to about a dozen entrepreneurs tonight. Watch how the pitchers react. You can see some disregard the critique, figuring this is just reality television. Others consider the feedback carefully, appreciating the independent assessment of their business and/or their pitching technique. They use the experience to make their next presentation that much better.

We all have the same choice when someone shares their views. We can either write them off as unfair — which does happen — or we can think about what we've been told, and decide if we want to make some changes in ourselves.

Karen Parhar tells me the Dragons offended her, but she acknowledges the experience was "helpful." Whatever you think of her business idea tonight — you gotta love her attitude.

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Saskatoon, SK student Karen Parhar hopes to steer her way to a deal for her accident prevention stickers on Dragons' Den tonight on the CBC.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

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There is no such thing as a 'free' consultation

WorkplaceLaw

People often get exactly what they pay for. This is as true in law as it is in life. Here is one story that should make employees pause when they are offered a "free" consultation with a lawyer.

Recently, a client who came to me was seeking a second opinion following a complimentary session with another lawyer. He had found a labour lawyer on the Internet, which doesn't usually pose a problem, except that this particular lawyer's website promised that the entire consultation process would be free. Since the client had just been fired, he was unfortunately drawn to the lawyer's promise, believing that he would get an opinion on his case without spending a dime.

The client submitted a summary of his problem on-line. The lawyer swiftly replied — providing an "opinion" that based on the facts of this person's case, he had been wrongfully dismissed. The problem, however, is that he was simply wrong.

Most provincial law societies, which are regulatory bodies that oversee lawyers' conduct, caution lawyers against providing summary opinions without having properly assessed the facts. This is because unsuspecting clients may rely on the advice they were given, however flawed, and take steps that mistakenly prejudice their own case without the lawyer's involvement.

Based on the advice he had received, the client agreed to meet at the lawyer's office to further discuss the case. Their meeting lasted 20 minutes, during which the lawyer assured him that his case was a good one and then had the client pay $1,500 so he could review the file and write a demand letter. They then entered into an agreement that permitted the lawyer to bill him based solely on the time he would spend on the file, regardless of the result.

It's better not to take a chance with 'free' consultations.

Later on, during the lawyer's comprehensive review of the file, he discovered that the employment contract the client had signed had all but disposed of the case. The lawyer hadn't bothered to discuss the contract as a potential problem during their initial meeting (something that most employment lawyers should spot as a matter of course). But, by the time the lawyer later realized the significance of the issue, he had already performed hours of work — which, according to the retainer agreement the client had signed, was time that he would be paid for. Therefore, the client had been billed twice the standard fee that most counsel charge for an initial meeting. This client's "free" consultation had become something much different. And his tale is, unfortunately, not an unusual one.

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Centennial growing

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Profiles of Success

'It is time to give back': Professor

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

There's no doubt learning from industry leaders can give you a strong educational advantage, and Toronto's colleges and universities abound with top-level talent.

Whether it's world-famous talents like poet and novelist Michael Ondaatje (York University) or industry-recognized individuals like Toronto Raptors team physician Doug Richards (University of Toronto), Toronto schools offer instructors who can truly speak — and teach — from experience.

For George Brown College Hospitality and Tourism professor Doris Miculan Bradley, making the shift to teaching was all about letting students benefit from her wealth of industry experience.

Bradley, 47, is a qualified chef and licensed sommelier best known for running the famous revolving 360 Restaurant at the CN Tower for more than two decades. She is also an accomplished contributing writer to scores of wine and food magazines such as Where Magazine Canada and CooksNCorks.

Bradley left her industry career at the top of her game to teach at George Brown in 2006 because she wanted to share what she had learned with the next generation of hospitality grads, something she believes all successful people should endeavour to do.

Doris Miculan Bradley is a qualified chef and licensed sommelier who teaches at George Brown.

"At this point in my life, it is time to give back, and I think that everyone who gains experience in their area of expertise should share it," Bradley said.

Going into teaching was scary at first because Bradley knew she still loved her job, but once she got into the classroom, her fears evaporated.

"Teaching has been magical for me. I don't look at it as a job — it's been an enlightening experience," Bradley said.

While all instructors have something to offer students, Bradley believes that people like her with a weight of experience do have the advantage of being able to offer students easier access to a network of qualified people from a given industry.

"Teaching has been magical for me. I don't look at it as a job — it's been an enlightening experience."
Doris Miculan Bradley

"You do have an advantage in the classroom when teaching from experience, and because of your connection to the industry, you're able to bring in people who can have a real impact and inspire students," Bradley said.

She says leaving behind her successful career was difficult, but the students and colleagues she has met in her new teaching career have made it all worthwhile.

"When I left the Tower, I really left behind brothers and sisters. I miss the people that I worked with, but I'm with a different group of people now who are incredible," Bradley said.

Some of the top-level talent at Toronto schools

Here's just a short list of some of the leaders of their chosen field who can be found teaching full- or part-time at various Toronto schools:

- Michael Ondaatje, novelist and poet, York University
- James Simon, theatre director, George Brown College
- Karen Connelly, writer and poet, Humber College
- Doug Richards, Toronto Raptors team physician, University of Toronto
- Martha Ladly, musician and designer, Ontario College of Art and Design

– RAFAEL BRUSILOW

Profiles of Seneca

Valerie Lopes ***B.Sc., MA, PhD***

The best students never stop learning

Seneca College Professor Dr. Valerie Lopes has a lifelong love of learning. She's a well-respected professor with industry experience, and she's also a national award-winning student. Lopes, who works to bring the latest technological innovation into the classroom, recently won an award for the best dissertation in Canadian Higher Education. Lopes was named the recipient of the George L. Geis Dissertation Award for 2009 for her dissertation on online teaching software and how it is perceived by both students and faculty. Lopes also applies her research to her day job as an Academic e-Learning Liaison for Seneca's Systems Development and Innovation. She uses her expertise on teaching technologies in her own classroom and consults with faculty to help them enhance their use of technology in their classrooms as well.

Tim Richardson ***BA, BA (Hons), B.Ed., MEd.***

Speaking their language

Tim Richardson is a Professor in the School of Marketing and e-Business and it's the "e" that sets this professor's style apart. "It's all about engaging the students, particularly online and in electronic formats, and making them feel like they are a part of the process, not just being lectured at," Richardson says. Author of three e-commerce books and a frequently sought-after media interview on his areas of expertise, Richardson prides himself on finding new ways to connect with his students and engage them in their studies. On his website and YouTube, he reaches out to students through lectures and study tips. Past and current students also submit content, including interesting articles, audio and video feedback on their classes with Richardson and snippets of what they have learned in his courses.

Laurel Schollen ***B.Sc., M.Sc.***

Making college math add up

Laurel Schollen is committed to making college mathematics make sense. As Seneca's Dean of Applied Science and Engineering Technology, she has a passion for improving students' educational experience and enhancing the educational system. Her involvement in the groundbreaking research of the College Mathematics Project has taken this commitment even further. Schollen is Project Director of the collaborative research initiative that examines the ties between secondary school math course choices and college success. "The value of this project is that it brings schools, colleges and government together to address a shared concern to look at solutions for improving student success," Schollen says. Along with this research and creating special courses to help improve first year students' skills and chances for success, Schollen also co-directs the York/Seneca Institute for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education.

Sunny Yi ***BA (Maj. Journalism)***

Nurturing the next generation through networking

As an award-winning documentary filmmaker, Seneca Professor Sunny Yi knows what it takes to make a good film. Currently, Yi is working on a documentary for TVO and a radio documentary for CBC's IDEAS. This summer, along with Gemini-winning filmmaker and co-founder of Aysha Productions John Haslett Cuff, she decided to share that knowledge by co-founding Seneca's Documentary and Filmmaking Summer Institute, which brought together more than 20 distinguished filmmakers and industry icons to give master classes. "There was not a day at the Institute that I didn't learn something new, and as a 25-year veteran in the television industry, that surprised me," says James Wood, Documentary and Filmmaking Institute graduate. "Sunny and John led a diverse group of people through the joys and harsh realities of documentary filmmaking and prepared me for the second phase in my career."

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Math on vacation
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Travel

Miss Popularity

San Francisco was named the best U.S. city to visit for the 17th year in a row in Conde Nast Traveler magazine's 2009 Readers' Choice Awards. The awards appear in the magazine's November issue, ranking the best cities, cruise lines, airlines, hotels and resorts worldwide based on survey responses from 25,000 readers. Charleston, S.C., took the No. 2 spot on the U.S. cities list, followed by Santa Fe, N.M. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Finding balance at a Boston hotel spa

City's sleek Mandarin Oriental ups the ante on Beantown wellness offerings

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada

A Feng Shui Master might call it the result of good chi, but I say it was random good timing that the launch of Porter Airlines' new service from Toronto to Boston coincided with the first anniversary of the Mandarin Oriental Boston and my intended visit.

Weather co-operating, the flight gets you there in roughly 65-minutes, and Logan International is so conveniently close to the city core, it's a quick and easy getaway destination.

The city offers numerous spas — many of which are mixed in with cafes, galleries and designer shops along chic Newbury Street in the ritzy Back Bay neighbourhood — but with the opening of the Mandarin Oriental, the spa bar has been raised.

Simply arriving at the sleek boutique hotel sets the tone for anyone seeking a sense of well-being. That could have something to do with the Feng Shui Master who consulted on the project.

Among the things he recommended was relocating the front entrance to align with the Charles River and allow the free flow of good energy from the water element.

Further nods to Feng Shui principals are incorporated throughout as fire, metal and other elements are worked into the gracious and contemporary design and decor.

Located on the fourth level of the hotel, the gracious spa anchors the Lifestyle Floor. This is where you also find eight Lifestyle Rooms with special amenities such as bamboo floors, yoga mats and a selection of wellness-related reading material.

The small but well-equipped gym is also here. No worries if you've forgotten to pack your work-out gear — the spa provides. Clothing, shoes and socks come complimentary courtesy of the spa and Nike. I asked, and they delivered to my room neatly presented on a bamboo tray.

As guests enter the spa, the sound of water trickling down a marble wall sets a calming mood. Memories of other Mandarin Oriental hotels visited — Singapore, Miami, New York — come to mind and I know it's the little touches that make the MO spa collection distinctive.

The arrival ritual, for instance, offers guests a small bowl of herbal tea and a hot cloth presented on a small bamboo tray, as shoes are exchanged for a pair of spa sandals. There are fresh orchids gently placed on pristine white towels and a gift for each guest.

The largest and most luxurious in the city, the spa offers nine treatment rooms, private wet areas and a tranquil Tea Lounge where spa meals are served. In the ladies' locker room with its experiential shower, whirlpool and Crystal Steam Room, I take time to steam and allow the crystals to draw out any negative energies, then cool down courtesy of a fountain of crushed ice.

Spas in the collection each offer a full menu of services with signature treatments such as the customized Time Rituals and those developed in consultation with specialists of Traditional Chinese Medicine but today, I decided to "buy local." and go for the New England Retreat.

This one hour and 50-minute experience — including scrub, wrap and massage — incorporates local-grown herbs such as horsetail, lavender, calendula and St. John's Wort. As with most of the spa brand's specialty treatments, this one begins with a ritual foot bath and the pure resonating peal of Tibetan chimes.

It's a lovely treatment and totally appropriate for a city that bills itself as the Gateway to New England.

Post treatment, it's back to the relaxation room for a quiet moment, to sip on water and snack on almonds before heading to nearby Newbury Street for a little retail therapy. It's all about balance.

Anne Dimon is a spa and wellness travel writer and editor of traveltowellness.com

Left, an exterior view of the Mandarin Oriental Boston. Right, a wet treatment room at the hotel's sleek spa.

Left, another spa treatment room at the Mandarin Oriental Boston. Right, the tranquil Tea Lounge, where spa meals are served.

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A concession to modernity

Venerable New Orleans restaurant Antoines warily steps into the current millenium — by translating its menu

There's an old story in New Orleans about a society matron who heard about a friend's death. Grief stricken but practical, the matron immediately wondered if the waiter at Antoine's, whom her friend had relied on for years, was up for grabs, or if someone had already claimed him.

"I believe it," said Sterling Constant, 58, who has been a waiter at the famous French Quarter restaurant for 42 years. "One of my customers had me go to his house and serve him a meal the day before he died. They're a very loyal group."

Since Antoine's opened its doors in 1840, it has been a New Orleans hallmark for fine dining, a bastion of French Creole food and an island of grand tradition.

But times, the economy and renovations following $14 million US in damage from Hurricane Katrina have brought changes to Antoine's.

The restaurant has added a jazz brunch for the first time. Its traditional Creole menu now carries English translations, and the once-voluminous listings have been pared down.

Even the dress code has been relaxed. "We still don't allow things like ripped jeans and flip-flops," said Yvonne Alciatore Blount, whose family has run Antoine's for five generations. "And many of our diners, especially at dinner, do enjoy dressing up, but we no longer enforce the coat and tie rule."

While doing renovations to repair damage from Katrina, Antoine's also turned a dining room into the Hermes Bar, the first bar in the restaurant's 169-year history.

But the changes were not made lightly. "We very much feel a weight of responsibility," said Blount. "This is so much more than a restaurant. It's a landmark, a piece of history."

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The Rex room at Antoine's Restaurant located in New Orleans' French Quarter New Orleans. Antoine's Restaurant has been owned by the same family since 1840.

Waiter Greg Force walks through Antoine's main dining room at the end of lunch service.

Founded by Blount's ancestor, Antoine Alciatore, Antoine's is one of the oldest family-run restaurants in the U.S. The restaurant is credited with originating Oysters Rockefeller, Pompano en Papillote, Eggs Sardou and Pigeonneaux Paradis. Blount's father, Roy Alciatore, who ran the restaurant from 1934 until his death in 1972, won an award for creating the American equivalent of hors d'oeuvres — appetizers. The menu, a small tabloid that, until recently, was available only in French, lists page after page of such delights as Crabes mous Amandine, Cotefettes d'Agneau grillees, Cerises Jubile and Cafe Brulot Diabolique. "I always say the difference between Antoine's and our other fine restaurants is that while they are always looking for something new to add to the menu, that's not at all what we do here," said Blount. "We want to prepare the same dishes the same way, lovingly, perfectly, beautifully every day."

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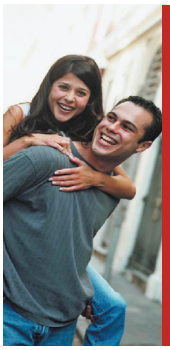
Good to know

- Antoine's: 713 Rue Saint Louis, New Orleans; antoines.com or 504-581-4422. Dinner appetizers, $12-20 US; most entrees $25-40; sides under $10. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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5 Ways to have fun in Verbier

Swiss ski resort makes for a perfect winter playground

TOM MARCHANT
for Metro World News

A modern resort built in traditional chalet style, Verbier is without a doubt one of Europe's best ski destinations. With incredible skiing, a vibrant nightlife and breathtaking mountains, there's no shortage of things to do.

Since Verbier boasts some of the most challenging skiing in the Alps, a lot of the slopes are better suited for intermediate and advanced skiers, but don't panic: there are slopes appropriate for rookies as well. The après ski and nightlife are as good as the skiing itself, so after a hard day on the slopes, get ready to party even harder.

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Why take the ski lifts with everyone else when you can take a private helicopter to untouched snow where you will be the only one speeding down the slopes to the bottom — where you will be met with jealous eyes

The Milk Bar

It may seem simple, but the famous hot chocolate from the Milk Bar is not to be missed after a day out on the cold slopes. Just ask any Verbier visitor.

Chez Dany

A great restaurant for regional dishes. You can bring a toboggan with you on the lift, then, after your warming meal, take your toboggan for a ride back down the slopes. Not your average commute.

Paragliding

Paraglide off the slopes for the best views of the mountains. Pick out the quietest slopes for your afternoon of in-the-know skiing.

Mont Fort

Hire a qualified pro and ski the back side of Mont Fort, a fantastic freeski paradise that will take you through Verbier's back country terrain.

Good to know

Best restaurant:
The Millenium, near the main square, is famous in Verbier for their mouth-watering steaks. With a fusion of mountain and modern cuisine, nothing on the menu will disappoint, or we recommend simply asking the chef for his daily recommendation.

Best local dish:
Perhaps the most famous Alpine dish, a good pot of melted cheese (think Gruyère and Emmental) in which to dip fresh, crusty bread is not to be missed.

When to go:
The best months to go skiing are November to April.

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The winter landscape at the ski resort of Verbier, Switzerland.

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A skiier attacks the slopes at Verbier.

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Train in vain **Aussie train meets its bovine match**

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One of Australia's most popular tourist trains, The Ghan, ran off the tracks after hitting a cow in the remote Outback on Monday. This file photo shows residents of Two Wells, welcoming The Ghan, the first passenger train to travel from Adelaide to Darwin.

Inuit-owned Cruise North adds Greenland to 2010 Arctic itineraries

CRUISE SHIPS Inuit-owned and operated Cruise North Expeditions is adding Greenland to its roster of Arctic itineraries for 2010. With two departures — one from Iqaluit, Nunavut, on July 23, the other from Kuujjuaq, Que., on Aug. 6 — the two-week tours aboard the company's 122-passenger vessel are "expedition cruises in the truest sense of the word," Cruise North says.

The itinerary includes Baffin Island's Auyuittuq National Park and several stops at communities on Greenland's west coast. Inuit guides will be on board. Prices start at US$5,295.Kuujjuaq is a 2 1/4-hour flight from Montreal.

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Parking garages usually aren't the most attractive buildings in a city, but they are the subject of a new exhibit at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. The exhibit, House of Cars: Innovation and the Parking Garage, is on view until July 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Making the list: Autumn foliage destinations battle for shout-outs

Picking favourites lands experts in hot water

So celebrated are the spectacular colours of Canada's fall leaves that in Ontario, at least, the Ministry of Tourism issues weekly reports on where to find the most splendid views.

Via Rail offers lovers of the dramatic scarlet, orange, lemon-lime, gold and purple shades of fall a six-night train ride through the forests of southern Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Fans of the fabulous foliage immortalized by the Group of Seven flock year round to the National Art Gallery in Ottawa and the McMichael in Kleinberg, Ont., to get their autumn fix.

And, even as the threat of jail hung over him, Conrad Black tipped his hat to the changing leaves of Canadian fall by demonstrating the art of pressing a maple leaf on the Rick Mercer television show. (It must be pressed between two very large books. Small books won't do.)

So where are the most beautiful canopies of colour this fall?

Jane McLean, a self-anointed Canadian fall foliage expert, has posted a Top 10 list on about.com, the New York Times owned online repository of expert advice on everything from accessories and acne to yoga and zoology.

She says fall colours are a "real industry" in the U.S., particularly New England. She posted her list of lovely northern vistas because she didn't want Canada to be overlooked.

"We have just as much to offer, without the crowds," she said from her home in Dundas, Ont.

> **"I've had some heated emails from PR people for tourist boards scolding me for not including them."**
> Jane McLean

Already, her list is making waves. "I've had some heated emails from PR people for tourist boards scolding me for not including them."

That's not surprising, since her about.com posting is influential and attracts thousands of hits a week.

Four of the spots that made it into McLean's Top-10 are in Ontario. (Algonquin Park made the cut, as did the Bruce Peninsula). Quebec's Laurentian Mountains got the nod and Alberta's Rockies.

In the east, McLean recommends the Cabot Trail of Cape Breton Island and New Brunswick's Fundy Coastal Drive. She likes the forests of PEI since the warm waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait create a climate that can produce one of the longest fall foliage periods in northeastern North America.

But pity the poor residents of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, provinces without even a mention (Manitoba and Newfoundland also get a pass from McLean).

And before regional pride provokes a national scrimmage, it's important to note that although the Rockies are listed as No. 1, and the Fundy Coast No. 10, McLean's list is in no particular order.

"I generally work my way west to east," she says, with the insistence of a parent who could never choose a favourite child.

Does she have a secret guilty pleasure? Yes, she does. It's Via's Fall Foliage Romance by Rail journey through the forests of eastern Canada.

"There is a romance to it," McLean says. "It's hard to deny that it's a bit old-fashioned. The cabins are dated, but for me that has an allure. And the views through the domed observation window are very strong."

But wait. The writer of the list, the expert on all things autumnal, won't be pinned down after all.

"The subsequent article I write should be how there are many more places that could be added to the Top-10 list that you might not know yet," she says with a laugh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Good to know

Jane McLean's list:
gocanada.about.com/od/canadatravelplanner/tp/fallfoliage.htm

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This file photo shows autumn leaves in Algonquin Park, one of the places that made it on to Jane McLean's Top 10 leaf spots.

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Bourbon Street barkers

On New Orleans' Bourbon Street, visitors can count on being snared by barkers determined to lure them into one place or another. Now, the barkers are straying from the informally tolerated confines of Bourbon Street to other parts of the Quarter and locals want it stopped. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sterling Constant, a waiter at Antoine's since 1967, carries a Baked Alaska with candles and Happy Birthday written on it.

Antoines emerges from post-Katrina renovations

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The decor, with its leaded glass, sheer curtains and ancient tile floors, is spread over several buildings and 15 dining rooms — ranging from very large to small enough for a single couple.

Five presidents, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and stars from Elizabeth Taylor to Angelina Jolie, Rex Harrison to Tom Cruise, have dined at Antoine's. Most celebrities enter through a hidden hallway, but when Pope John Paul II visited New Orleans, Antoine's served his meals at the archbishop's house every night.

It was after Hurricane Katrina that things began to change. The building did not flood but wind and rain from the 2005 storm did $14 million in structural damage.

"We filed a claim with Lloyds of London that was two inches thick," said Wendy Chatelain, director of marketing for the restaurant.

"It was horrendous," Blount said. "The whole third and fourth floor was destroyed; a wall crashed in. And there was water damage on every floor."

The renovations are now completed, returning the dining rooms to their former state, complete with pictures, collectables and memorabilia.

The famous Carnival rooms — Rex, Proteus, Twelfth Night — all named for Carnival Krewes and decorated with crowns and costumes from each, are back.

So is the 1840 Room, the Dungeon, located in a building that was once a French Quarter jail, and The Last, or Tabasco Room, where it is said more marriages have been proposed than any other location in the city.

One of the biggest changes was the addition of the bar. "This is going to save Antoine's," said Chatelain. "We needed more money to stay afloat than we got from just our diners."

As historic and elegant as Antoine's is, it is not stuffy. The staff enjoys showing off the many dining rooms and relating their history.

"Just ask," Chatelain said. "We love taking people around the restaurant."

The next addition planned is Antoine's Annex, a casual restaurant that will serve light lunches, coffee, pastries and other dishes.

As for those status-conscious souls who yearn to rise above the hoi polloi by having the staff address them by name, escort them to a table where cocktails await, and know their favourite dishes by heart, Constant said there is no longer a waiting list for those who want their own waiters.

"No, no, just ask for me when you make the reservation," he said. "Then we get to know each other."

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Outback wins Motor Trend award
The Subaru Outback has been named Motor Trend's 2010 Sport/Utility of the Year, marking the first time an automaker has won two consecutive Sport/Utility awards following the Subaru Forester's win in 2009. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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The race is on

Love that Audi R8 5.2 FSI Quattro? Now you get to drive it, along with some of the world's most exotic cars, when XBox 360's racing title Forza Motorsport 3 launches next week.

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The Infiniti M35 Hybrid

Infiniti readying first hybrid

GOING GREEN Infiniti has confirmed its first production hybrid vehicle will form part of the recently announced M range of luxury performance sedans.

With its introduction, the Infiniti M35 Hybrid will realize the high performance/low emissions promise of the Essence concept car.

On sale beginning spring 2011, the M35 Hybrid is the brand's first hybrid in its 20-year existence, as well as the cleanest and most economical car in its history.

It is based on the all-new Infiniti M which itself picks up styling cues from Essence, the show-stopper that made its debut at the Geneva Auto Show early in 2009.

The model maintains a high performance luxury sedan profile, overlaying it with the fuel economy and CO2 emissions of a smaller car while delivering driving flair to please any enthusiast, complete with a charismatic V6 and rear-wheel drive handling.

Infiniti's hybrid system is a one electric motor/twin clutch arrangement.

FROM CARGUIDE

All in name of refinement

Mazda CX-7 more handsome than Japanese rivals

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

When Mazda launched the five-seat 2007 CX-7 in 2006, the idea of a mid-size crossover with sporting pretensions was relatively novel, and this all-wheel-drive turbocharged number with the radically raked windshield broke some new ground.

My, how things have changed. In this hotly contested and highly congested market segment the Mazda CX-7 is kinda old news.

For 2010, the CX-7 gets a midlife makeover featuring Mazda's new leering corporate visage, interior upgrades, structural strengthening and improved sound insulation, all in the name of refinement. Of more significance is the availability of an entry-level GX front-wheel-drive-only model powered by a naturally-aspirated 2.5L 161 hp four. It bows at $27,995.

All the testers on this program were fitted with the $2995 Luxury Package that added power moonroof, leather upholstery and door trims, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, heated seats, Bluetooth and automatic climate control.

This is on top of the GX's standard 17-inch alloys, rain-sensing wipers, telescopic steering wheel, traction and stability control, brake assist and Multi Information Display (MID).

For 2010, the CX-7 gets interior upgrades and structureal strengthening.

The XC60 is gorgeous inside, with heated leather seats, soft-touch plastics, wood trim and metallic accents.

The sharp-eyed among you will notice the GX's 28 grand price tag is more than your base RAV4 ($24,345) or CR-V ($25,790 — cash only), but Mazda says this is in line with similarly optioned models from Honda and Toyota.

Indeed, first impressions of the CX-7 GX are favourable. The interior gets improved plastics, nicely padded arm rests on the doors, a new multi-function steering wheel, gauges ringed in blue illumination with white dials, and some tasteful dark-chrome accents. The upper dash is recontoured to house the new LCD Multi Information Display that offers trip computer functions, rear view and maintenance info. It's a handsome and airy cabin with excellent forward vision, and is a couple of steps up in quality from its Japanese rivals.

The DOHC 2.5L four that generates 161 hp and 161 lb.-ft. of torque at 3500 r.p.m. may be new to the CX-7, but it also does duty in the Mazda6, Mazda3 and Ford Escape.

On the highway, the GX settles into a relaxed and stable cruise, showing 2400 r.p.m. at 120 km/h. Over the twisty portions of our test route, this entry-level CX-7 showed the typical attributes of a Mazda: excellent steering feel, good body control and a general dynamic cohesiveness that suggests the development engineers do enjoy driving.

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2010 Mazda CX-7

Type: Crossover utility vehicle
Price: from $27,995
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Highlights

- Classy interior
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Sneak peek at Kia Cadenza

Kia has unveiled the first official photo of its new KND-5 concept car, an all-new sedan that will be called Cadenza in markets outside of Korea. The new model will make its overseas premiere at motor shows later this year. **CANADIANDRIVER.COM**

Current car design a bit of everything

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

metronews.ca/autopilot

Whenever I encounter an opinion on automotive design contrary to mine, I'm tempted to repeat what Lt. Frank Drebin said to the villain, Quenten Hapsburg, in the fine 1991 flick, Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear.

"We can handle this like mature men, right Mr. Poopy Pants?"

Actually, there is no sense arguing when there is a difference of opinion over a car's looks. You can't make someone like what they don't.

But while there is a definite proliferation of styles and designs, and a bevy of absolutely wonderful executions, there doesn't seem to be any overriding theme to automotive design these days. At least when you compare it to eras where you got a clearer sense of what designers were trying to accomplish; like in the 1930s, when the art deco ideas were pursued, or the 1950s, when cars dramatized the concept of highway travel.

In the 1970s, Giorgetto Giugiaro (later named auto designer of the last century), messed with people's heads, by pursuing an auto design language diametrically opposed to the current design of the day. Those cars were comprised of nothing but sharp angles and creases, and were sometimes uncharitably referred to as the "folding paper" school of design.

"Giugiaro had a definite style, a definite direction," says Paul Deutschman, who heads up Canada's only automotive design firm, the internationally known Deutschman Design of Montreal (deutschmandesign.com). "Giugiaro in turn influenced other designers, and you ended up with an era with a very strong visual identity."

Car designer Paul Deutschman praises the Mini for its combination of efficiency and style.

Deutschman feels we don't get those strong design currents anymore, because everyone seems to take a bit from everyone else, and tries to make it their own, rather than embarking on a separate and unique direction.

"If you go into a styling studio in any automaker, you will find stylists from America, Korea, Germany… And those people move around from company to company. All this creates what I would call a design melting pot."

One of the forces pulling design in the future will be the continued quest for more fuel efficiency. The last time that happened, the same aerodynamic shapes kept cropping up in the portfolios of various automakers.

"We have the risk of that happening again," says Paul. "But that just puts the challenge more firmly in the court of the designer. … It's up to the designer to come up with something that just oozes with character, but still fulfills its mechanical obligations."

"It's up to the designer to come up with something that just oozes with character, but still fulfills its mechanical obligations."
Car designer
Paul Deutschman

He cites the original and current Mini as a great example of the above philosophy. "The packaging on the Mini was optimized, and it was an efficient vehicle, and it also happened to charm people to death… That's the kind of thing that has to happen…"

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Whole lotta love for Trabi

She's slow; she has breakdowns. But people love her. The Trabant, the once-infamous East German car, has become a cult object.

"The government told us 'make a car without metal,'" recalls Dr. Werner Lang, the former technical director of the Trabant factory. "At that time the GDR didn't have any steel production, and the government wanted to make a car without imported materials."

In 1957 the Trabant made its debut. "We kept improving it, and in the '60s we even built a successor car that we could export to Western Europe," explains Lang. "But the government stopped the idea. They thought the Trabant was good enough."

It was good enough for East Germans, for most of whom the Trabant was the only available car. Demand was so huge that people sometimes had to wait for 14 years for theirs.

"The beginning of the '70s was the Trabant's peak," notes Konrad Naumann, president of the fan-club Internationales Trabant-Register. "After that it couldn't keep up with other cars from the East bloc." Until it closed in 1991, the Trabant factory, in Zwickau, built over three million cars.

When the Berlin Wall fell, many East Germans quickly got rid of their much-ridiculed "Trabis."

Much ridiculed in its time, the East Germany-built Trabant has gathered a global cult following over the years.

Trabant facts

- **Canadian fan club:** trabant.ca
- **The Trabant P 601:** Introduced in 1964, was by far the most common Trabi model.
- **Test drive a Trabi:** Watch the video at video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-6220796499007505990

"People were stupid giving up their Trabants in favor of rusty Western cars", says Lang. "The Trabant is a good car that you can travel far with and that you can fix and fidget with yourself. It's a sweet victory that Trabant has become so popular since the end of the GDR." Indeed it has. Today there are close to 200 Trabi fan-clubs around the world; in 2007, over 20,000 fans gathered in Zwickau to celebrate the car's 50th anniversary. "When the Trabant was built, it was leading within its category," says Lang.

Though often derided as "the cardboard car," the Trabant is, in fact, made of cotton and plastic. "We had to make the shell from materials that were plentiful in the GDR," explains Dr. Werner Reichelt, who was in charge Trabant's shell design.

"The problem is that for 27 years it remained virtually unchanged. But I'd say it has achieved cult status like no other car, except maybe the VW Beetle and the Renault 2CV."

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Website keeps eye on GTA trips
A new website, TripTimes.ca, calculates routes across the GTA including traffic-based trip times. Produced by Intellione, the new site offers point-to-point coverage around the Golden Horseshoe and uses live traffic information on most every roadway to display both trip time and turn-by-turn directions. **CANADIANDRIVER.COM**

Nada got designs on cars

MyDrive
Heather Buchan
metronews.ca/mydrive

A 2006 Volkswagen Jetta. Toronto-based fashion designer Nada Shepherd owns a black version of this model.

While many women display photos of their families or pets in their offices, that's not the case with Toronto-based designer Nada Shepherd. Instead, the brunette beauty keeps two framed photos of her dream cars hanging on her office walls.

"The lower one is an Aston Martin and above it is the Mercedes McLaren, which sadly, they've discontinued," she explains with a laugh from her design studio near Queen St. and Spadina Ave. "It's a joke around here. I don't have photos of my husband or cats, just of cars," she adds.

Toronto Fashion Week

In her day-to-day life, Shepherd, who earned a science degree from U of T, drives a black 2006 Volkswagen Jetta, her very first car. Prior to buying it four years ago, the 33-year-old self-confessed speeder had always ridden a motorcycle. But after launching her eponymous womenswear line, NADA, in 2004, she needed a vehicle that could transport bolts of fabric, but that was still compact.

"The beauty of the Jetta is that the back seats fold forward to I can totally load it up. It holds so much without being a gas guzzler," she explains.

"I'm surprised more four-door cars don't have back seats that are able to fold forward." Her Jetta has also gotten her to fashion trade shows in New York and Montreal.

In just five short years, Shepherd has grown her label from a staff of one to a staff of nine, with a clientele that includes famous faces including Nelly Furtado, Molly Johnson and Mel C.

It's her impeccable attention to detail and her use of sensual fabrics that have captured the attention of buyers from across North America and her Spring 2010 collection, showing at Toronto's LG Fashion Week tomorrow is sure to be no different.

"It's crazy right now," she admits of these last few days leading up to her show, but she wouldn't trade her job for anything.

"I'm never bored. I'm always learning."

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at several Canadian magazines, including Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

Spring collection

- NADA's Spring 2010 collection will debut at Toronto's LG Fashion Week tomorrow at the tents in Liberty Village at 8 p.m. For more info, visit lgfashionweek.ca

Fashion designer Nada Shepherd

4 FAQs about ban on hand-held

Does the new ban apply to hand-held cellphones only?
No. The ban holds for other hand-held devices such as MP3 players, DVD players, laptops, gaming devices and smartphones

What are the potential penalties for violating the ban?
Ontario drivers can be fined as much as $500 but no demerit points. However, drivers who place others at risk with their hand-held activity can be charged under dangerous driving laws. This means potential fines up to $1000, six demerit points, driver's licence suspension and even jail time.

Can I use my hand-held cellphone without a hands-free option in an emergency?
Yes. Drivers may place calls to the police, fire department and emergency medical services.

Can I use my hand-held cellphone without a hands-free option while stopped in traffic or at a red light?
No. Drivers will only be permitted to use their hand-held devices without a hands-free option only when safely pulled off the roadway.

SOURCES: YADA, NEWS.ONTARIO.CA

Gadget guide to going hands-free

These days, it's a smart call to go hands-free behind the wheel. Next Monday, Ontario will be the latest Canadian province to ban the use of hand-held devices without a hands-free option while driving. The new law will make it illegal for drivers to talk, text, type, dial or email using hand-held cellphones and other hand-held communications and entertainment gadgets. The crackdown on distracted drivers is catching on fast — Quebec and Nova Scotia have already done it while British Columbia is next up. To help you switch gears, Metro Drive will feature some in-car hands-free products throughout this month.

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A 2001-2006 Chrysler Sebring convertible is one of the most affordable droptops available.

Sebring on a budget

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MODEL: 2001 to 2006 Chrysler Sebring Sedan / Convertible
VEHICLE TYPE: Touring sedan or convertible
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $2,500 to $15,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: This generation of Chrysler's Sebring Sedan and Convertible were popular with budget-minded owners after an upscale driving experience.

The Sebring Convertible model was one of the market's most affordable droptops, and it shared much of its underpinnings with the Sebring sedan on which it was based.

In addition to a relatively low price when new, Sebring also has fairly poor resale values. Finding an affordable used example shouldn't prove an issue.

Power came from a 2.4 litre four-cylinder engine with 150 horsepower, or a 2.7 litre V6 with 200.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Sebring owners were often drawn in by the value proposition at work. Most owners note that Sebring delivers a ride that was quieter, more luxurious and more refined than its price suggested.

Gas mileage, interior styling and a solid, planted feel help round out the most-loved attributes of the last-generation Sebring.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints deal with slow and sometimes-jerky responses from the automatic transmission, as well as some flimsy interior parts. Rear visibility isn't one of the convertible Sebring's strongest attributes, and some owners wish for more power and a sportier ride.

COMMON ISSUES: Like many vehicles, the second-generation Sebring was subject to various recalls intended to fix safety-related issues.

Shoppers will want to ensure all recall-related work has been carried out prior to their purchase. A Chrysler dealership can help here — just bring them the vehicle's VIN number.

If you're considering a convertible, be sure the motorized top opens and closes smoothly and as expected in both directions. Check the top material for any rips, tears, leaks or accumulated mildew.

The Sebring's V6 engine is best avoided, as the four-cylinder unit looks to be considerably more reliable. Numerous incidences of engine failure and oil-sludge problems with the 2.7 litre V6 have been documented by owners.

If you do opt for V6's added power, be sure to check all service records and make sure all maintenance is up to date. Ensure the former owner changed the oil religiously, and have a Chrysler mechanic check the model out to be certain.

Second Gear

Ultimately, shoppers are best advised to walk away from any used model with questionable sounds from the engine or hard, "clunky" shifting from the transmission. A certified used Sebring with a warranty is ideal.

THE VERDICT: Sebring isn't the reliability leader in this part of the used car market — though it is a comfortable and luxurious ride that's relatively inexpensive. Shop carefully here, and opt for the newest and most well-maintained model your budget allows for.

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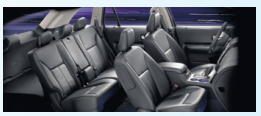

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Toyota highlights for Tokyo show
Toyota has announced that three concept vehicles and the TF109 Formula One racing car are to highlight its Toyota-brand exhibit for the 41st Tokyo Motor Show. The show runs from Saturday to Nov. 4. METRO NEWS SERVICES

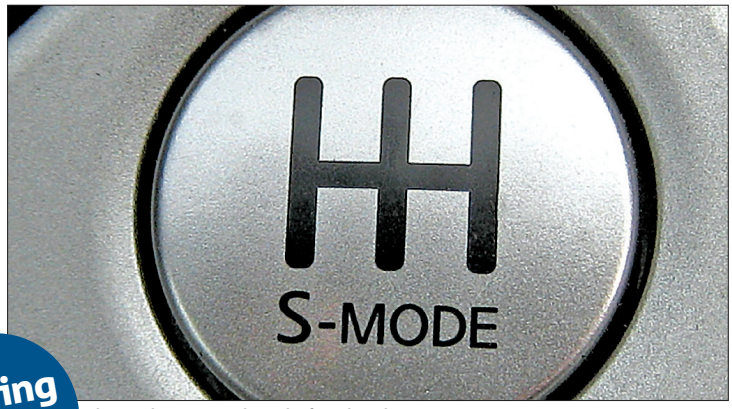
Nissan's smoothest shift yet

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

There's a fine art to driving a manual transmission, especially in a high-performance car. The smoothest shifts happen when engine speed matches the gear you've selected.

But when you push in the clutch pedal, which disconnects the engine from the transmission, the engine speed drops. When you take your foot off the clutch to reconnect them, the speed difference can make the car buck and lurch. This sets your passengers' heads bobbing, and strains the car's components.

Driving Force



The SynchroRev Match can be found on the new 370Z.

Race drivers solve it with a trick called heel-toe downshifting. For the rest of us, Nissan invented SynchroRev Match, available on the new 370Z coupe and roadster.

"The benefit is that it allows for a smoother gear change, and allows the driver to concentrate on steering and braking," says Sean Chen, manager of product planning at Nissan Canada. "It smoothes out the ride. If you've made a sloppy gear change, you know what that transition is like. SynchroRev Match ensures a perfect gear change every time."

In heel-toe, the driver keeps his foot on the brake, but rolls it to the side, jabbing or "blipping" the throttle while he moves the shifter. This raises the engine speed for a smooth shift, but it's a complicated manoeuvre and, as Chen points out, you should be learning it on a closed course, rather than on public roads, a luxury many drivers don't have.

Rev-matching is common on many performance cars with automatic transmissions, but Nissan is the first to develop it for a stick shift. It uses three sensors: one on the clutch pedal; one on the gearshift lever, to detect its movement; and an input speed sensor. Depressing the clutch activates the system, which then determines the direction you're moving the shifter. An engine control module calculates the target engine speed and sends the information to the electronic throttle.

"Synchro-Rev Match ensures a perfect gear change every time."
Nissan's Sean Chen

It all happens so quickly that if you skip a gear, the system still has enough time to determine the gear you've selected, and blip the throttle to match. It also detects and smoothes out upshifts as well. Those who prefer to heel-toe themselves can simply turn it off.

"The mechanicals are the same as on any other vehicle," Chen says. "SynchroRev Match sounds great and takes the lumpiness out of sloppy gear changes. We've read all about proper heel-toe, but most people haven't had the chance to be exposed to it properly. We simply provide you with choice."

Five cars vie for Green Car of the Year

AWARD Green Car Journal has announced its five finalists for the 2010 Green Car of the Year, including the Audi A3 TDI, Honda Insight, Mercury Milan Hybrid, Toyota Prius and Volkswagen Golf TDI. For the fifth consecutive year, this award will be announced during a press conference at the Los Angeles Auto Show on Dec. 3.

Jurors such as Jay Leno, Jean-Michel Cousteau and Carroll Shelby decide the winner.

For the first time an Audi makes the final five with its sporty A3 TDI clean diesel. Volkswagen's new Golf TDI shows an expanding focus on clean diesel technology in the VW lineup. The Insight is a completely new hybrid sedan for Honda and the 2010 Toyota Prius is a totally redesigned, third-generation version of this popular hybrid model. The Milan Hybrid is Mercury's application of its advanced-hybrid technology in an upscale mid-size sedan. FROM CARGUIDE

Car Insurance Roadblock

Consumers concerned insurers don't want drivers with tickets or accidents

Worried Your Spotted Driving Record Means You've Got Nowhere To Turn For Car Insurance?

Don't be. While it's true that, all things being equal, your tickets and accidents make you a more expensive risk to insure than a similar car and driver with a clean driving record, that doesn't mean you should have trouble finding insurance – assuming you know where to look. Different insurance companies target different types of business and this is reflected in things like their claims service, marketing efforts, discounts, and most importantly for you, their rates.

Can Some Insurance Companies Simply Refuse to Insure Some Drivers?

No. Since insurance companies have to file their rules and rates with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) they can only refuse drivers if they fall outside of the rules sent to FSCO. But what they *can* do is market themselves and set their rates such that they are more competitive for consumers they wish to attract (and, yes, less competitive for consumers they don't wish to attract). The result is that rates charged by different insurance companies to insure the same driver, with the same car, for the same coverage, can vary by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Take a look at the table below.

Am I Doomed To Pay A Bundle?

No. Sadly, this is a mistake many drivers make and it can be a costly one, especially if they don't bother to shop around for the lowest rate available. The key to finding the best rate, especially if you have tickets or accidents on your driving record, is to figure out which insurance company of the more than 30 in Ontario has the best rate for your particular situation. And with rates varying so wildly across companies, chances are you are not with the company that has the lowest rate for your profile right now.

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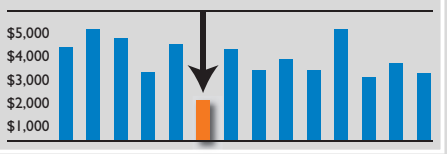

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Hasselhoff signs up for reality TV show
David Hasselhoff is set to star in a new reality TV show. The former Baywatch star has reportedly signed up for a new program with his teenage daughters Hayley and Taylor. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Giving up TV
Mischa Barton has given up on TV following the cancellation of her series The Beautiful Life. "That whole world of network television, probably isn't, for me, a good idea now," she said. POPEATER.COM

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Nielsen has last laugh

Stan Helsing the latest comedy film from 83-year-old

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Canadian funnyman Leslie Nielsen is only a few months shy of his 83 birthday, but still loves making a fool of himself on camera.

Known primarily for his work with co-writers/directors Jim Abrahams, David Zucker and Jerry Zucker in Airplane and the Naked Gun movies, Nielsen has become a comedy icon for an entire generation.

But that wasn't always the case. For the first half of his career, Nielsen was exclusively known for his dramatic work on film and television. "I've done comedy all of my life," Nielsen told Metro. "It was just that people saw me in a certain light and wanted me to play more conservative roles for years."

"You have to keep a straight face with this type of comedy, because if you let the audience know that you think it's funny, they won't laugh." Leslie Nielsen

That all changed when Abrahams and the Zuckers cast Nielsen in the 1980 comedy classic Airplane. "They picked me to play the doctor in Airplane even though I hadn't really done comedy. The studio wanted somebody else and didn't think that I could do it, but they decided that I was a funny guy and fought for me to play the role," said Nielsen.

"It turned out that I really enjoyed doing comedy, but also doing comedy the way they do it." Nielsen specializes cartoony parody films that are over the top and filled with slapstick. But no matter how silly the role, he always plays it with dramatic conviction.

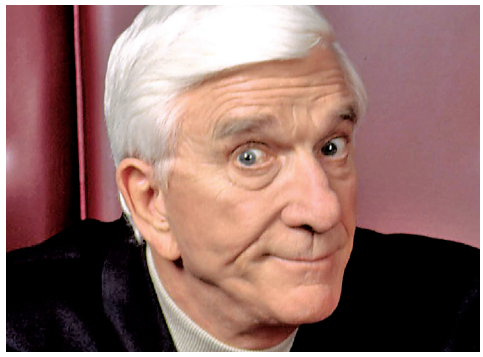
"People always say to me 'I don't know how you keep a straight face.' I always say that you have to keep a straight face with this type of comedy, because if you let the audience know that you think it's funny, they won't laugh," said Nielsen.

Movie **feature**

Nielsen has now spent as much of his career doing comedy as he has dramatic work and has found a comfortable niche.

His latest project is Stan Helsing a parody of horror films due to be released on Friday. He appears in drag in a small role as a waitress and enjoyed his experience working on the film, even if it was a little more haphazard than he is used to.

"These low budget films today get made pretty fast," said Nielsen. "Sometimes you just get one shot at the scene and even if you don't get it right, you're moving on to the next scene. That's the way she goes."



Leslie Nielsen has now spent as much of his career doing comedy as he has dramatic work. Stan Helsing is his latest movie.

Stan Helsing opens in theatres on Friday

Stan Helsing fits comfortably into the string of parody films Nielsen has appeared in since the '80s and he has no intention of abandoning this style of comedy any time soon. "I always have the desire to do good comedy," said Nielsen.

"There are genres laying all over the ground just waiting to be parodied. There's nothing that you can't make fun of and have a good time."

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Smith wants an apology
Jaclyn Smith has called on celebrity blogger Perez Hilton to "do the right thing" and apologize for going public with an erroneous story suggesting the actress had shot herself. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Michael Jackson's last day

Toronto dancer Daniel Celebre rehearsed with star hours before his death

What was Michael Jackson's state of mind 13 hours before he was pronounced dead?

"He was happy, he was smiling, he was laughing with us," remembers Daniel Celebre, who was a principal dancer in the superstar's This Is It comeback tour.

Celebre had been rehearsing with Jackson in Los Angeles "for three months, eight hours a day, and he always danced full out. His energy was amazing, man."

In fact, on June 24, the last day of Jackson's life, director Kenny Ortega staged the show and "we ran through the whole thing and finished at about 1:30 in the morning," Celebre, a dancer based in Toronto, recalled in an interview.

"The feeling was unbelievable. Michael was at the top of his game. People who had known him for years said he'd never danced better."

When asked if Jackson seemed tired or under strain, Celebre shook his head emphatically. "Every day he looked fly, but that day, he was better than ever. He looked young, man. His form was so perfect."

ANDREW WALLACE / TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Daniel Celebre poses for a picture at a Toronto dance studio. The dancer was working with Michael Jackson at the time of his death.

Celebre was born in Nobleton, Ont., from "a large and close-knit Italian family." His mother took him to jazz and tap lessons at the age of 4. Soon he was into hip hop, breakdancing and his favourite, electric boogaloo, "which I tried to do just like Michael Jackson."

He did lots of club, promotional, TV and movie work, playing opposite Hilary Duff as the dance double for the male lead in the climactic scene of The Lizzie McGuire Movie when he was only 18.

But in 2007, "I stopped dancing, for personal reasons. I wanted to be the best dancer I could be and all people wanted were the stunts I could do. `Can this guy spin on his head? Can he do the flip?' Of course I could, but I knew I could be so much more than that and so I just walked away."

His father had taken over La Salumeria, the Italian deli on Yonge near Davisville, so Celebre joined him there. On April 10, he was "slicing some mortadella" when he got a call from his Toronto agent, Peter da Costa.

"I know you've been turning down every job I've offered you for two years, but you always said the only person you'd come back for is Michael Jackson. Well, you've got an audition for him tomorrow. Get out here."

> **"The feeling was unbelievable. Michael was at the top of his game."**
> Daniel Celebre

Celebre loved the rehearsals and hard work that made everybody better and better. And then came June 25.

"We never had the TV on, but somebody had put it on 'cause Farrah Fawcett had just passed. Then we started to get the news about Mikey.... People were running down the halls screaming. Some fell to their knees. Everybody was crying. Everybody."

The rehearsals were filmed and will now be released as the much-anticipated movie This Is It on Oct. 28, but Celebre hates recalling the funeral, the memorial, "all those things that rub my nose in the fact that he's gone."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Swiss reject Polanski bid for release

PEOPLE

Polanski

Roman Polanski's three decades as a fugitive are coming back to haunt him.

Noting his previous escape from U.S. authorities, Switzerland's top criminal court yesterday rejected Polanski's appeal to be released from prison because of the "high" risk that the 76-year-old director would try to flee again.

Polanski's offers of bail, house arrest and electronic monitoring failed to sway the tribunal. Even a Swiss chale was brushed aside as insufficient collateral to guard against Polanski fleeing, as the United States seeks to have him extradited for having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

"The appellant has already once in 1978 eluded American criminal proceedings by travelling to Europe," the court said.

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Matis wins fashion award

Season One Project Runway Canada runner-up Lucian Matis was announced as the inaugural winning recipient of the Fashion Design Council of Canada designer development fund yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Joe Mimran (creator of Joe Fresh Style), and Kimberley Newport-Mimran (Pink Tartan), each run a successful fashion business.

A trend-driven duo

Married fashion designers complement rather than compete

They've got all the makings of a Hollywood rom-com couple — Bogie and Bacall, Hepburn and Stacey.

He's the crackerjack tastemaker with the golden touch — famous for his skills at turning fashion trends into reality — lickety-split. It's called Joe Fresh Style.

She's the elegant designer of Pink Tartan, the high-end fashion collection with the seriously upmarket price tag.

Joe Mimran delivers a steady stream of fast women's, men's and children's fashion exclusively to Loblaws grocery stores across Canada.

For her label, Kimberley Newport-Mimran creates a high-quality, high-fashion brand that stands shoulder-to-shoulder with top international players in exclusive North American shops.

"This is the personal expression of a designer," she says. "I have to take this to market and sell it."

While they approach fashion from very different stances, this high-profile couple, the king and queen of Canadian style, are remarkably similar. And they confess to almost no creative rivalry.

Though the expected pillow talk may wander into next season's silhouettes and colour palettes, there's little collusion. And when the inevitable crossover occurs, it's embraced with humour, says Newport. "I'll look at him and say, `Why are you doing that? That looks like something I did.'"

Pink Tartan and Joe Fresh collections hit the runway tonight

They married nine years ago and together they have an eight year old daughter. He has three children from a previous marriage. But they refuse to talk about their age. "Fashion is ageless," they say.

Newport launched Pink Tartan seven years ago and Mimran, who was the original brains behind Club Monaco, long since sold, started Joe Fresh in 2006.

Tonight during LG Fashion Week they will preview their collection, back to back. She's on at 8 p.m. He's on at 9:15 p.m.

Despite the difference entrances into fashion, "we really compliment each other," says Newport. As a couple they are symbolic of fashion's current fascination with high-low style, mixing designer clothes with inexpensive finds. "I wear a lot of Joe's clothes," says Newport.

"Our aesthetic is very similar. But we also enjoy doing the same things," she adds.

"We like to travel, collect art, nice wine and good friends," says Mimran. They even like exercising and shopping and meditating in their detoxing infrared sauna.

Whether it's lifestyle, health or fashion, they are a trend-driven couple.

He's nursing a large glass of green tea. His wife sprinkles a small packet of emergen-c into a bottle of water – same effect, different approaches.

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Today's fashion week runway shows

- 2 p.m. Paul Hardy
- 3 p.m. Réva Mivasagar
- 4 p.m. LOVAS Wesley Badnanjak
- 5 p.m. Katrina Tuttle
- 5:30 p.m. Sculptz Legwear & Shapewear Collections
- 6:30 p.m. Attitude, only at Sears
- 8 p.m. Pink Tartan
- 9:15 p.m. Joe Fresh Style

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Fashion flash back kick-off

Contemporary designers often borrow from past style influences as inspiration in shaping modern-day looks.

So it was fitting that Monday's opening night gala of LG Fashion Week paid homage in a time-spanning runway retrospective of beauty and design.

In true flashback fashion, the look of the kick-off evening showcase evoked a film-reel feel, with beauty and fashion looks spanning the last century in honour of beauty sponsor L'Oreal's centennial.

From the headdress-sporting flapper look of the '20s to the wide-legged trousers of the '70s, models walked the runway in variations of monochromatic grey accented with occasional splashes of black and white. The retro fashions were effectively matched with signature hair and makeup looks of the respective eras.

But the true fashion highlight brought the theatrics of fashion in literal form with designs fit for the Bard sharing centre stage with modern-day designs.

In Fashion Meets Festival Meets Fashion, select individual costumes from past productions of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival were presented on the runway. They were immediately followed by capsule collections from leading Canadian designers that both evoked and complemented their theatrical predecessors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Sunny collection

- Sunny Fong, the Season 2 winner of design competition series Project Runway Canada kicked off LG Fashion Week Monday with a presentation of his spring/summer 2010 collection of his VAWK label inspired by French Polynesia. Fong's designs captured the breeziness and dreaminess of sun-soaked paradise.

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Sunny Fong's spring/summer 2010 collection was presented at the Art Gallery of Ontario. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Style off the runway by Enza Anderson

Read Metro this week for columnist Enza Anderson's best picks of "off the runway" fashionistas during Toronto Fashion Week. Among the crowd were Inga Cadranel, left, and Moira Wright, right. Candranel, an actor, is wearing Coccolily and offers this fashion advice: "Do what you want and don't follow the rules." Wright, the Holt Renfrew's communications director, is wearing Mikhael Kale. Her fashion motto is: "The best accessory is to be comfortable. Just be yourself."

In brief

FASHION At a media event held downtown at Holt Renfrew prior to the opening night gala of Fashion Week, select looks from Canadian designers and labels Denis Gagnon, Jeremy Laing, Pink Tartan, Mikhael Kale and more were featured in-store. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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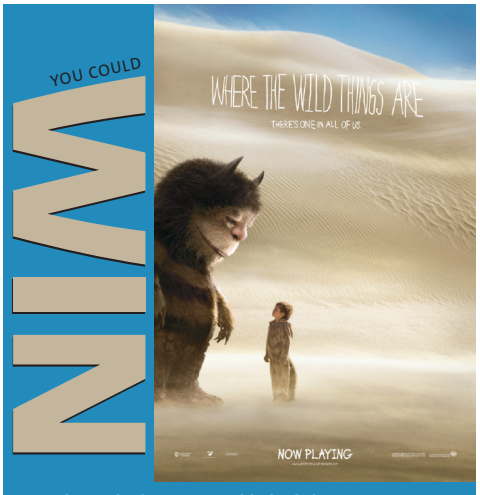

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Paradis crowned new face of Chanel

Vanessa Paradis, is the new face of Chanel lipstick. The 36-year-old actress and model will star in a global campaign for the luxury make-up range's new collection Rouge Coco de Chanel. The new lipsticks will be available to buy from 2010. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies like The Twilight Saga: New Moon, set for release in November, are part of a popular upswing in films, television shows, and books featuring the blood-sucking set and their prey.

Vamp flicks hit the mark

Vampires have been an eternal force in Hollywood horror since silent-movie days, yet they have risen to new heights as the Twilight franchise, TV's True Blood and other incarnations put the bite on viewers.

In studio flicks, independent films and small-screen series, there are more bloodsuckers out there today than you can shake a wooden stake at.

With so many vampires afoot, will Hollywood's favourite night creatures lose their flavour with fans?

"Will there be a vampire glut? Will the vampire market crash? I don't know," said Chris Weitz, director of November's The Twilight Saga: New Moon, part two in the movie series based on Stephenie Meyer's vampire-romance novels. "It's kind of the only growth industry in America, that I can tell." So many of Dracula's brethren are being sired nowadays that Weitz and his brother have duelling vampire films out this fall.

Paul Weitz's Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant opens Friday, with John C. Reilly as a centuries-old bloodsucker in a travelling freak show.

While vampires have a strong pulse in Hollywood, some expect the genre could bleed out from overexposure.

"Sometimes there are trends with audiences and with film studios...and they run like lemmings in one direction until they go over the cliff," said Werner Herzog, who directed 1979's Nosferatu the Vampyre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Immortal beloved

- Vampires have been hardy souls on screen for ages, dating back to 1920s and '30s classics such as Nosferatu, Vampyr and the original Dracula, with Bela Lugosi.

Mix of Six

Metro taps into today's best entertainment and event picks

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A free perfomance of Tom Stoppard's Rock 'N' Roll is taking place at 7 p.m. at the Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. Call 416-395-5577 for details.

TEA
T Café, located at 511 Bloor St. W., is hosting a tea tasting class at 7:30 p.m. $30. Pre-register by calling 416-536-4243.

MUSIC
East Coast singers Rose Cousins and Erin Costelo perform at Hugh's Room, 2261 Dundas St. W., at 8:30 p.m. $15 and $17. hughsroom.com.

FESTIVAL
The Planet in Focus Film Festival starts today and runs through Sunday. More than 80 films will be screened. planetinfocus.org.

FUNDRAISER
Laughs For Possibility, a fundraiser for Bloorview Kids Rehab, takes place at 7 p.m. at Crowne Plaza, 1250 Eglinton Ave. E. $50 and $95. laughsforpossibility.com.

ART
A star-studded array of almost 150 iconic photographs from the pages of Vanity Fair magazine are on display at the Royal Ontario Museum. rom.on.ca

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U2 concert tickets now affordable

Fans in Canada and more than a dozen other countries will be able to watch U2's concert this Sunday at the Rose Bowl live and for free, in what's being billed as the first full-length global concert on YouTube. Show starts at 11:30 ET. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Joss Stone does it her way

When Joss Stone has a musical itch, she has to scratch, even if it means getting into trouble with her label.

The powerhouse British soul singer says her new album, Colour Me Free, is coming out Tuesday after months of delays because her U.S. label, EMI, was upset that she had recorded the tracks on a whim without telling them.

"Oh God, that wasn't very good," Stone said in a recent phone interview. "They didn't love that too much."

It was about two years ago, after the release of her self-titled third album, that the 22-year-old Grammy and Brit Award winner got the urge to hit the studio and jam again.

"I just woke up and was like: 'Man, I really want to make an album,'" said Stone, who has performed on stage with scores of legends including James Brown and Donna Summer.

"It was just a really nice day and I was feeling really energized and it was just cool and my (musician) friends were down, because we were writing.

"I thought: 'Hey, you guys are here, let's do it. Let's make the music.'"

And so they did, using a Wellington, England night club that was owned by her mother at the time as their studio, where they recorded live off the floor in about a week.

Problem was, EMI didn't know about it and when Stone told them, "The initial reaction was: 'Hang on a minute, you're supposed to ask us for approval on every single section of everything that you do, are you crazy?'" she recalled.

"So I said: 'Oh, whoops, so sorry, my bad,' and it really was. I didn't ask for approval, I didn't tell them I was making the album.

The idea of someone trying to control her art was a "horrible feeling and makes you not want to do it at all," admitted Stone, whose vocals often draw comparisons to Aretha Franklin. "But then from a business side of things, I kind of get it," she said. "They feel like that's their property and they want to control how the property looks and how it works."

In the end, the two sides worked things out and the tunes weren't changed. With the label woes behind her, Stone has a positive outlook on the situation, saying she likes to "scare" herself into getting things done.

"It actually helps me," she said. "I feel the need to do it with a massive amount of pressure and unless I have that pressure, I don't bother." THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 million sold

- Since her debut album was released in 2003, Joss Stone has sold almost 10 million albums worldwide.

SOURCE: JOSS STONE ONLINE

Soul singer Joss Stone says she needs to feel a "massive amount of pressure" in order to get things done.

In brief

MORE ANNA NICOLE A psychiatrist who treated Anna Nicole Smith for drug dependency testified Tuesday the former Playmate fit the legal definition of an addict. However, under questioning by a judge, Dr. Nathalie Maullin said she never used the words "addict" or "addiction" when discussing the celebrity model's problems with her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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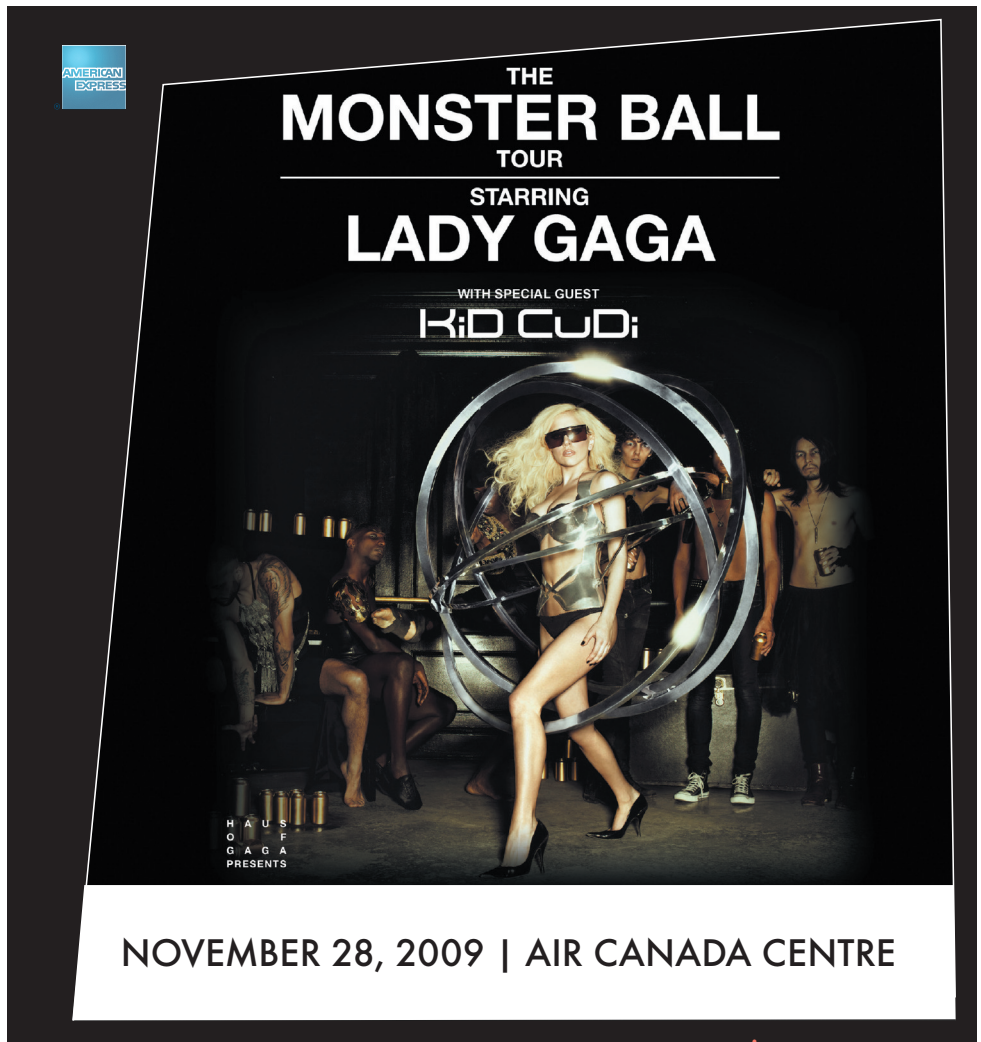

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Actor on the Fringe

Joshua Jackson is feeling cozy on set of TV drama

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In his second year on the Fox sci-fi hit Fringe, Joshua Jackson is feeling pretty much at home. Of course, it doesn't hurt that the filming of the series has moved to Vancouver, the town where he grew up.

"I know where to eat, I know where to do my laundry, I know where to go see a movie ... there's nothing in the city that feels unfamiliar to me other than the fact that there are, like, 15 new buildings every time I go home," the 31-year-old jokes.

Set relocation and evolving skylines aside, there are even more changes for Jackson's character, troubled genius Peter Bishop, this season. After the revelation of an alternate universe at the end of Season 1, Peter and his team of "fringe" science investigators (including his "mad scientist" dad, Walter, and FBI agent Olivia Dunham, the Scully to Peter's Mulder) are spending this year trying to prevent an invasion from that strange parallel dimension.

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Joshua Jackson stars on the Fox sci-fi hit Fringe.

"Season 2 so far has been about that thing that happens at the end of Season 1 — this, 'Oh my God! They're actually coming from the other side and there is a war coming,'" Jackson says. "It is finally a call to duty for Peter. It is something that he believes in, which is not his natural way — in Season 1 (he) was a passive character. The information came to him and he reacted.

"Now he goes, 'Alright, fine — I'm going to fix this problem, I'm going to take this on.'"

Joshua Jackson says his character, Peter, has become more proactive in Season 2. But how has the parallel universe plot twist affected his counterparts? "Olivia (Anna Torv) becomes a less sure character. She is such a good, hard cop, so now that she's feeling her mortality, you take this rock solid character and you rattle her up a little bit," Jackson says.

Meanwhile, "Walter (John Noble) becomes more physically and emotionally incapable," Jackson adds, as if the bumbling brainiac weren't already off his rocker.

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TMZ.com founder fights Gibson case

The founder of celebrity news site TMZ.com is promising a fight after he says the Los Angeles County sheriff's department illegally obtained his phone records in its investigation into who leaked a report on actor Mel Gibson's 2006 drunken driving arrest, including details on the actor's anti-Semitic tirade.

"It's outrageous. We've met with lawyers and are charting our course of action. This is not going to go away."
Harvey Levin, founder of celebrity news site TMZ.com

Harvey Levin's comments came during a speech Monday night at UCLA at an event hosted by the Radio and Television News Association of Southern California. He said he considers the department's actions an assault on the First Amendment.

"It breaks federal law. It breaks state law," Levin said. "It's outrageous. We've met with lawyers and are charting our course of action. This is not going to go away."

An after-hours call to a sheriff's department spokesman was not answered.

Gibson was arrested for misdemeanour drunken driving on July 28, 2006, on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. His anti-Semitic slurs, detailed in a report leaked to TMZ.com, provoked outrage, and the Braveheart actor and director later apologized.

The officer who arrested Gibson, Deputy James Mee, became the target of a criminal investigation into whether he leaked the arrest report.

Records obtained during that investigation showed several calls between Levin and Mee's home. But authorities determined it was impossible to say who made the calls on Mee's end of the line.

Prosecutors eventually declined to charge Mee, citing a lack of proof that he leaked details about the case.

Gibson pleaded no contest in August 2006 and was given three years' probation, fined $1,400 and ordered to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Earlier this month, a judge agreed to expunge his drunken driving conviction after he successfully completed the terms of his probation.

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Rihanna's topless CD artwork

Rihanna

MUSIC Rihanna is exposing her fans to more than her music with her new single, Russian Roulette.

The singer is featured nearly topless on artwork for the song, covered only by what looks to be barbed wire.

The photo fits the apparent theme for her new album, Rated R, which is due out Nov. 23. It will be her first CD since 2007's Good Girl Gone Bad, which went multiplatinum. It will also be her first solo single since she was attacked by ex-boyfriend Chris Brown.

Russian Roulette was to debut Tuesday on Rihanna's website.

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In brief

LEGAL The ninth-season winner of reality TV show Big Brother, Adam Jasinski, has confessed to using his $500,000 prize to buy thousands of oxycodone pills and resell them, authorities said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

primetime 10/21/09

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	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Bones		Glee "Mash Up" (N)		Melrose Place (N)		News Final
	215	343	4 OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Omni News: Italian Edition (N)		Vivere V	Omni News:	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6 CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dragon's Den (HDTV) (N)		The Tudors (N) (DVS)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mercy (HDTV) (N)		Modern Family	Cougar Town	The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	212	313	8 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	America's Next Top Model (N)		Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY "Battle Scars"		CTV News
	218	345	11 CHCH	*The Woman in Red* ★★ (1984, Comedy) Gene Wilder.				*Novocaine* ★★ (2001, Suspense) Steve Martin, Laura Dern.				News at 11 (N)
	137	763	13 TFO	Panorama		Une dynastie à Ceylan		*Dernier maquis* (2008, Drame) Salim Ameur-Zaïmeche.				Passions
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	213	326	15 SUN	The Insider (N)	George Lopez	*Prince of Darkness* ★★ (1987, Horror) Donald Pleasence.				The Insider	Hitchcock Pres	Becker
	-	387	16 CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY "Battle Scars"		News 4 at 11
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	-	-	28 FOX	Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	So You Think You Can Dance		Glee "Mash Up" (N)		Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
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	297	652	330 WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)		Melrose Place (HDTV)		PIX News at Ten Tong.		Two/Half Men
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	298	653	332 TLA	The Tyra Show (N)		According-Jim	Family Guy	KTLA News	KTLA News	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Next Model
news	502	390	26 NW	CBC News	Fortune	CBC News: Tonight (N)		CBC News: The National		Planet Earth		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		CNN Presents "Latino in America" (HDTV) (N)				Cooper 360
	509	504	79 CNB	Kudlow Report		Biography on CNBC		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22 net	World Sport	MLB Preview	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies. (HDTV) (Live)						
	400	400	30 TSN	That's Hockey!	Over the Bolts	NHL Pre-Game	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre
	411	457	58 OLN	Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter
	417	406	81 SC	Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	Amer. Thunder	Pinks Outtakes	Pass Time	Pass Time	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pimp My Ride
family	551	542	25 YTV	Drake & Josh	That's-Weird	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	Prank Patrol	Adrenaline Proj
	554	544	45 TEL	*Scooby-Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf* (1988)				Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Robot Chicken
	556	540	51 FAM	Sonny Chance	Zack & Cody	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
cable variety	602	567	27 W	Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Yourself Sexy	Chef Worthy	Grocery Bag	Supersize-Skin
	570	580	29 MM	One Tree Hill		My Date With...	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	One Tree Hill
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Manhunters
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	571	581	36 MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Gene Simmons Family Jewels		The Daily Fix
	575	583	38 CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Due South
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		The Guard "Wake"		Found.	Paradise Falls	Bones (HDTV)		NCIS
	620	523	40 BVO	The Achievers	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan File	Wingfield	Star Portraits	Achieving the Unachievable		Law & Order
	601	562	41 SLC	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Carlawood	Nearly Dead	Newlywed	Newlywed	In Laws	In Laws	ET Canada
	522	506	43 HIS	Expedition Africa (N)		Life After People		Ice Road Truckers		Expedition Africa		Outlaw Bikers
	625	548	44 COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Michael	RENO 911! (N)	Daily Show
	600	564	46 H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Realtor-Realtor	Intervention	Property Virgin	Unsellable	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47 TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Law & Order: SVU		The Office	The Office	*Striking Distance* ★★ (1993, Suspense)		
	576	582	49 BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		*ATL* ★★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) Tip "T.I." Harris, Lauren London.					First In	Mo'Nique
	627	528	50 SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Torchwood "Reset"		Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		InnerSpace (N)
	581	566	52 MTV	The Hills	After	Disaster Date	Peak Season	Peak Season	The City	The City	After	MTV Live
	618	524	54 TROP	King	King	The Outer Limits		ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	King	King
	603	561	56 FOOD	Ricardo	Fresh-Anna	Challenge (N)		Iron Chef America		Chopped (N)		Chef School
	261	394	60 V	Murder, She Wrote		Keeping Up	Foot in Grave	Jeeves and Wooster		Unscripted (N)	Driven-Vision	Poltergeist
	621	527	63 STR	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	553	546	65 TRE	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar	Big & Small	Max & Ruby
	115	711	101 TVA	Poule-oeufs or	Occupation	Destinées (HDTV) (SC)		Dr. House (HDTV) (SC)		TVA nouvelles	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
	126	730	102 RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Artisans du changement		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249 VIVA	Judging Amy		Missing Death row inmate.		The Closer (Part 1 of 2)		Da Vinci's Inquest		Mediums
	300	601	301 M1	(7:15) *Dim Sum Funeral* (2008, Comedy-Drama)				*Charlie Wilson's War* ★★★ (2007, Drama) Tom Hanks.				Lock 'n Load
	305	612	306 PIX	(7:10) *The Blue Lagoon* ★★ (1980, Romance)				*Prom Night* ★★ (1980, Horror)			*Hello Mary Lou: Prom Night II*	

critics'corner

The Blue Lagoon
It's pretty; gotta give it that. The scenery is stunning, and the lead actors are young and gorgeous, but clumsy acting and plot holes big enough to sail a schooner through sink this 1980 drama about the sexual awakening of two shipwrecked teens (Brooke Shields, Christopher Atkins). Controversial for its time because of the subject matter and the tender age of its leading lady — er, girl — it hasn't held up well as anything but camp. And even though Shields' vital parts stay covered, she's 15, people. Fifteen! 7:10 PM on PIX

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
After the shocking rape of a boy (guest star Cruz Santiago), Detectives Benson and Stabler find out that a chief suspect, the victim's stepfather (Jim True-Frost, "The Wire") is a member of a civil rights group that supports adult-child relationships. Rosie Perez also guest stars in the new episode "Hardwired." 9 PM on NBC

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Mamie gets kneeling proposal
Meryl Streep's daughter, actress Mamie Gummer, is getting married. Gummer confirmed to usmagazine.com that actor-boyfriend Ben Walker "proposed two days ago" and "did it on one knee." METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Scarlett spooked by musical theatre

NOT IN THE LIMELIGHT Scarlett Johansson is putting off plans to appear on Broadway — because she suffers from "crippling" stage fright, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress admits treading the boards in New York is a dream of hers, but she has to overcome a phobia of performing live first.

The stagefright is made all the more surprising because Johansson happily appeared in numerous plays as a child actress.

She tells America's Glamour magazine, "I would love to work on Broadway, but I don't know that it would manifest itself in musical theatre ... I have terrible stage fright that I'd have to get over.

"(It is) crippling. Not as a kid. It came on when I was a teenager, and I think it somehow sticks with you."

The actress is back on the big screen when she joins the Iron Man franchise for the second movie in the series.

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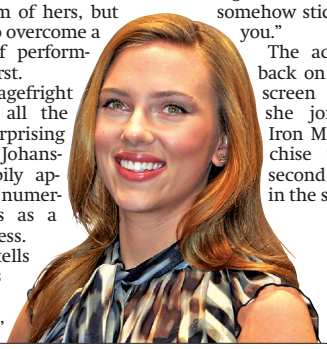

Octomom crushes on Jon

AN INDECENT PROPOSAL Jon and Nadya plus 22? If things go sour with girlfriend Hailey Glassman, Jon Gosselin has at least one other admirer: Nadya Suleman, usmagazine.com reports.

"I kind of have a crush on Jon Gosselin," the single mother of 14 quipped to Radaronline.com. "I think he's hot ... he looks cute in purple."

But Suleman, 33, doesn't crush on Gosselin at the expense of his estranged wife, Kate. "I feel for her. I wish everyone would leave her alone," she says, admitting she's never seen a full episode of their on-hiatus TLC show. "I'm sure she trusts herself and trusts that she's strong enough to handle it."

Dating advice? "I don't think any single mother of any amount of kids should start dating," she quipped.

Her sudden sympathy for Gosselin, 34, marks a change of heart. in June, Suleman sniped of the reality-TV star, "Why are you so desperate to glob on to my life? For attention?"

And despite earlier reports, Suleman insists she has no reality show plans of her own.

"I already made up my mind a long time ago," she says. "I think it's exploitative. I don't care what the dollar amount would be. It's not worth it. It's not healthy for the kids."

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Celebrity tweets

Rivers Cuomo doesn't like children, Taylor Swift loves her fans, John Mayer gets uncharacteristically introspective, and Pink gets some odd requests from fans.

• @riverscuomo
Anyone else ever turn off their lights and pretend like they're not at home on Halloween?

• @taylorswift13
Girl in the front row wearing a banana costume, I applaud you.

• @johncmayer
I can choose to indulge in my frustrations or I can choose to create a habit of happiness. It's not easy but it's worth the fight.

• @Pink
A girl just came up with a q-tip and asked me for a swab of my DNA. I said "I'm sorry, I'm an original"

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Brangelina visit Jordan

NOT IN THE LIMELIGHT Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt were out with the kids again — but this time they were bonding with residents of the SOS Children's Village in Amman, Jordan, people.com reports.

The couple visited the orphan charity's village Oct. 1 after receiving an invitation from Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, who is Honorary Chairman of SOS Children's Villages Jordan.

"The SOS model of providing care for children without parental care is one of the best, as they are still in a family setting within their own country," said Jolie. "We hope more people learn about their programs and give them support."

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Reese knows her roots

SOUTHERN GAL You can take the girl out of the South, but you can't take the South out of the girl, people.com reports. Ask New Orleans-born, Tennessee-raised Reese Witherspoon, who spoke with InStyle magazine.

"We spend the weekends outside L.A, in Ojai, where I have a farmhouse," she says of her life with her kids and her boyfriend, Jake Gyllenhaal. "We have chickens and we grow cucumbers and tomatoes. I love it. It reminds me of where I grew up in Tennessee."

She admits, "Sometimes it's really difficult for me, being far away from home."

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Hudson misses eating for two

WHY NOT HAVE ANOTHER? Jennifer Hudson is thrilled to have her new son, David, but there are a few things about being pregnant that she misses.

"If I could go around eating like I ate while I was pregnant, that'd be the way to go," she tells Entertainment Tonight. "But you have to snap back to it. It's like an on-and-off switch, you have to go back to the norm."

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Paris throws big BF birthday bash

CAKE = LOVE Paris Hilton knows how to show her boyfriend a good time. The heiress threw Doug Reinhardt a surprise birthday party at her Beverly Hills mansion recently — and made herself the biggest surprise. Hilton reportedly jumped out of a giant birthday cake presented to Reinhardt, according to Page Six. "Paris went all out for her man's birthday. No expense was spared," a source says. "He had no idea about the party and was so happy."

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Salma seethes over 'the freaks'

PHOTO RAGE Salma Hayek knows what freaks her out: paparazzi. "What's freaky is the guy behind the camera who is desperate and so excited because he's seeing you walk into a supermarket," she says, according to Hollyscoop. "They're the freaks. I'm not the freak. I'm attacked by the freaks. That's the strange part. I hate it."

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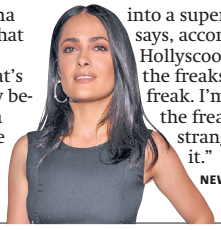

Lohan seeks restraining order?

BAD DAD Michael Lohan continues to tell anyone who will listen that daughter Lindsay Lohan is in desperate need of an intervention.

He showed up on an Australian radio show to tell everyone that Lindsay is addicted to prescription drugs, and that she and Samantha Ronson are just friends. Lindsay, meanwhile, is reportedly seeking a restraining order against her dad. "Her lawyer have already been contacted," a source tells People magazine. "She's scared. This is really serious."

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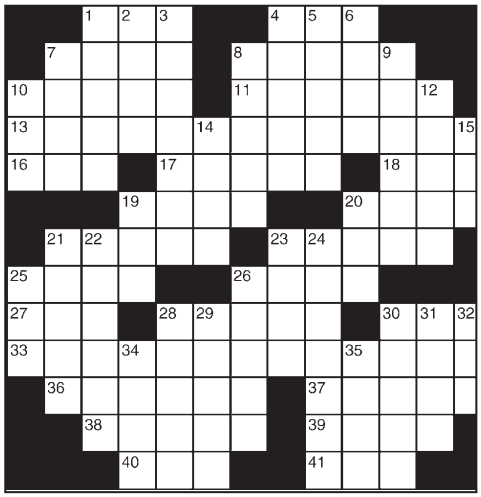

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	9				5		7	
8					6		2	
5			4	9		8		

ACROSS

1 Unruly bunch
4 Min. fraction
7 Bear lair
8 Parishioner's donation
10 November birthstone
11 Shocked
13 He played Paul Drake on "Perry Mason"
16 Common bill
17 Resigns
18 Participated in track
19 — and void
20 Mineral in sheets
21 Filled fully
23 Disinclined
25 "Sultan of Swat"
26 Undulating
27 Superlative suffix
28 Artless
30 Knock
33 Fictional sleuth, anagram of 13-Across
36 Polar peak
37 Boring tool
38 States with certainty
39 Gunky stuff
40 NYC transit letters
41 Golf prop

DOWN

1 Syrup flavor
2 Elliptical
3 Game like pinochle
4 Vision
5 Community spirit
6 Fellow
7 Nickel, e.g.
8 Language of Sri Lanka
9 — de corps
10 Pair
12 Instruct
14 "— Lang Syne"
15 Genetic abbr.
19 To the — degree
20 Has permission
21 Cold fish?
22 Theseus' land
23 Volcanic flow
24 Emote
25 Agent, for short
26 Hardly macho men
28 More pleasant
29 In different places
30 Scalawag
31 Dumbstruck
32 Capita lead-in
34 Jeans maker Strauss
35 Entice

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Pierside Salmon Patties

INGREDIENTS:

2 eggs, beaten
1 cup (250 ml) milk
2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
3 cups (750 ml) coarsely crushed saltines (about 66 crackers)
2 tsp (10 ml) finely chopped onion
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
2 cans (14-3/4 oz./418 g each) salmon, drained, bones and skin removed

DILL SAUCE:

2 tbsp (25 ml) all-purpose flour
1 tsp (5 l) snipped fresh dill or 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dill weed
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
Dash pepper
Dash nutmeg
1-1/2 cups milk

METHOD:

1. In large bowl, beat eggs, milk, lemon juice, saltines, onion, salt and pepper. Add salmon and mix well. Shape into twelve 3-in. (7.5 cm) patties. Place in greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. (38 cm x 25.5 cm x 2.5 cm) baking pan. Bake at 350 F (180 C) 30-35 minutes or until lightly browned.
2. Meanwhile, melt butter in pot. Stir in flour, dill, salt, pepper and nutmeg until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Serve with patties.

SERVES 6

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It's time to make a decision about a partnership matter. If you don't make it now the decision will be made for you, so stop beating around the bush.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't let your anxieties get the better of you today, especially in matters related to your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You still have time before the Sun moves out of Libra to put the final touches to a creative project. It will bring you personal satisfaction.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you get involved in a falling-out between friends today you must make sure you are scrupulously even-handed.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You might not believe that change is good but if you think about the positive changes of recent months you'll find it hard to disagree.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you want something enough you will find a way to get it but watch out it does not cost you considerably more than you expected.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you feel that time is running out and you need to do something quickly or miss out on your big chance then you need to get a grip on yourself.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The Sun in Libra has focused your mind on things you would no doubt prefer to ignore or even pretend do not exist.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Making wishes might strike you as a complete waste of time but if you focus on what you desire today you might just get it.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Do you carry on with something you started weeks ago? Only you can decide but it must be one or the other. Make a decision and stick to it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You are coming up to a critical time for work and career matters. You will get the chance to better yourself over the next three to five days. Aim high.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't take what you hear too seriously today because it is most likely only a small part of the overall story.

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- Standard 4-wheel disc brakes and ABS
- Standard Bluetooth® hands-free cell phone capability*

HWY. 5.8 L/100KM 49 MPG
CITY. 8.3 L/100KM 34 MPG

4u BURNER MODEL SHOWN

2010 SOUL

WELL-EQUIPPED FROM $15,795* OR LEASE FOR $199◆ PER MO. 48 MOS. AT 3.9% LEASE APR* $1,470 DOWN PAYMENT

- 4 cylinder 1.6L, 16-valve CVVT, or available 2.0L, 16-valve CVVT engine
- Standard 6 airbags, with active front headrests
- Bluetooth® hands-free cell phone capability*
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HWY. 6.3 L/100KM 45 MPG
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